
From: Susie Uppal
Sent: 27 July 2016 17:48
To: 'Jonathan Heawood' <jonathan@impress.press>
Cc: Patrick Reeve <preeve@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk>
Subject: RE: next steps

Dear Jonathan,

Thanks for your email and for sharing your plans. As you will be aware our assessment report is not the final decision of our Board (who may / may not agree with our analysis) so, as you say, to share any information, positive or negative before their decision would be unconstructive. We will be working on our communications plans and will be sharing those more widely in due course.

We have a small number of additional queries as we finalise our draft assessment;

1. Funding consultation.
Thank you for confirming how the consultation was publicised. Was anything specific sent to your current members/applicants or where they included in your general stakeholder list? Also please confirm that your Board has agreed the 'Sustaining Trust' decision paper.
2. You may recall that during the validation and verification visit on 4 July we raised the issue of IMPRESS ability to vary the fees tariff every year after consulting its members. Could you please confirm (as discussed in the meeting) that the intention is to run any such consultation leaving enough time for members to serve notice if they wish before the new fees come into effect?
3. We note that the Arbitration Scheme guidance contains reference to a £75 "filing fee"- although your Arbitration Scheme Rules make no mention of this fee. Please confirm that you are not seeking the PRP Boards approval to the fee being charged at this stage and, that no fee will be charged unless and until agreed by the PRP Board, bearing in mind that note 1 to criterion 22 states:
"The principle that arbitration should be free does not preclude the charging of a small administration fee, provided that: (a) the fee is determined by the Regulator and approved by the Board of the Recognition Panel; and (b) the fee is used for the purpose of defraying the cost of the initial assessment of an application and not for meeting the costs of determining an application (including the costs of the arbitration)."
If you are seeking the PRP Board's approval at this stage can you please provide us with detailed information on what the fee is intended to cover and how the level of the fee was arrived at so we can make an assessment on its appropriateness or otherwise.
4. When you recruited your Board members, you have indicated that the roles were advertised in the Guardian and on 'recruitment websites' Can you recall the websites used?
5. Staff - please confirm your total number of staff, and provide a brief outline of the training and induction given in relation to your regulatory scheme procedures.

In respect timing, depending on when you are able to let us have this information, we

are still aiming to get that over to you by Friday evening or Monday. I will let you know let you know if it looks like the timetable is likely to vary beyond that.

Best,

Susie

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From: Jonathan Heawood [<mailto:jonathan@impress.press>]

Sent: 26 July 2016 15:45

To: Susie Uppal <suppal@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk>; Patrick Reeve <preeve@pressrecognitionpanel.org.uk>

Subject: next steps

Dear Susie,

I hope you've had a very refreshing break in Croatia and that the weather was good to you. As you know, Patrick and I have met and spoken several times over the last couple of weeks and we've done our best to address his questions.

I know that you still have some big decisions to make. However, if you do send us a draft recommendation this week, I thought I'd let you know how we are planning to handle that at our end.

I will share the draft recommendation with Walter and Ed but we will not discuss it more generally within the organisation as we want to ensure maximum confidentiality. We will even avoid telling people whether the recommendation is positive or negative, in order to prevent any word of this getting out.

I have asked Fiona to contact Paul at your end to discuss, in general terms, how a Board decision might be communicated. I imagine that we will prepare alternative press releases, to be issued on 23 August, in the event of a positive or negative decision.

Of course, we understand that there are other variables here, but wanted to let you know our thoughts.

Best, Jonathan

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