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Subject HPCAA review

I'm an occupational therapist working in a school, and am responding to the HPCA survey document, question format.

Question 7. In terms of enforcement of the act, the requirements of supervision of occupational therapists are not clear and not being equally enforced across practice settings. There is a lot of confusion that I am aware of as to what is required, and little enforcement. Lack of funds to ensure supervision is provided is a common issue amongst employers, atleast in the education field. Employers are not aware of their obligations. Basically, clarification of supervision guidelines would be helpful.

Further to supervision, options to have supervision with someone outside of the service the health professional is working in, need to be provided for. Choice of supervisor needs to be available, to ensure a therapeutic, supportive, learning experience within the supervision setting.

Question 16. Sounds a good idea, I have found the recertification programme implemented by the NZBOT to be useful.

However, there is also a lot of confusion as regards how to implement this programme, and a lot of variation across individuals. Perhaps training workshops could be provided for new graduates, to give guidance as to how to implement the goal setting recertification project, and what the auditors are looking for.

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