

Terms of Reference for the UK NARIC Quality Standards Group 2008

The UK NARIC Quality Standards Group will advise on the further development of UK NARIC processes and procedures to ensure that systems and working practices meet the needs of varying stakeholders.

The Quality Standards Group will consider the recommendations of the NARIC Advisory Council; and needs analyses and suggestions of the Core Service Monitoring Group, with a view to advising and supporting NARIC in developing required models and systems surrounding and serving recognition of qualifications and skills in key areas, including: a) contributing towards managed migration; b) supporting professional mobility and contributing to professional and sectoral skills analyses; c) increasing the rigour of depth of NARIC information; and d) developing an integrated model linking recognition of international qualifications and accreditation.

The work of the Quality Standards Group will focus on the following aspects:

- To consider the current service provision with the view to identifying development needs.
- To assist NARIC in developing new models of practice that will widen the application of UK NARIC methodology to varying stakeholders.
- Advising, agreeing and promoting conceptualised models of practice used by NARIC.
- Advising on potential areas of further service and product development.
- New policy initiatives and their effect on NARIC service provision.
- Reviewing the outcomes of the Core Service Monitoring Group and providing second opinions on decisions where appropriate.

The Quality Standards Group will meet twice a year and will report on its recommendations to the NARIC Advisory Council which will be responsible for the overall strategy and direction of the NARIC function, providing professional advice and guidance.

Membership

The membership will seek to cover a representative range of UK NARIC stakeholders including Devolved Administrations, Professional Bodies and Accreditation Agencies:

- Breslin, Sarah, Scottish Qualifications Authority
- Critchlow, Phil, UK Border Agency, Home Office
- Flynn, Eadaoin, General Medical Council
- Jackson, Stephen, Quality Assurance Agency
- Norris, Paul, UK NARIC
- Vickers, Stephen, British Accreditation Council

Secretarial support will be provided by the UK NARIC which will be responsible for organising meetings, agendas, related papers and records of meetings.