To whom this may concern,

I would like to provide some feedback into the draft for registration.

This is mainly in regards to CPD guidelines and was wondering if the following should be taken into account:
1) Part time staff and their hours - This is in relation to the fact that staff that would be working part time will have less in-house opportunities to access CPD. For example if they did not work on days where inservices or journal clubs are run etc then they will have less opportunities to meeting requirements and will need to spend a larger percentage of their days on maintaining those 30+ hours of CPD compared to staff that are full time. This will mean they have less time to spend on patients in ratio compared to full time staff that have those extra days to meet CPD hours. I know working part time should not mean that they should miss out on CPD and hence the implications on keeping up with best practice, but it should be taken into account.

2) Leave and impact on hours - Considering that the OT population is largely women, we need to consider the fact that many Ots go on Maternity leave (and others on long service etc). If an OT is on leave for 3 or 6 months of a year then they will have extreme difficulty meeting CPD hours to maintain registration.

3) Should receiving supervision from another OT/health professional count as CPD, because this will improve an Ots skills and knowledge and clinical reasoning skills.

4) Costs: with becoming one professional association and registration, this will affect the cost of registration (I am assuming there will be cost, much like there is with joining the association). Each state and territory is a different cost and plenty of warning needs to be given so we can afford it. Also currently CPD courses run via OTAustralia has a discounted cost if you are a member. Will this continue to happen with registration? Also will everyone receive the OTAust Journal if they are registered? Will the association remain separate to registration and be an additional cost (not preferable)?

Just some food for thought

Thanks for reading and consideration

Kind regards

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