



National Occupational Standards review

Thank you to all those Registrants who took part in the survey on proposed changes to the **National Occupational Standards (NOS) in Interpreting**. Instructus, the organisation managing the review, has informed us that 150 responses were received. 43% of these were from spoken interpreting professionals, 44% from sign language interpreting professionals, and 13% from organisations representing both spoken and non-spoken interpreters (e.g. universities). The NOS Working Group will consider the responses at a meeting in January and determine the next steps in the review process.



Presentations to university students

NRPSI has undertaken a **programme of presentations to students** to describe the role and purpose of the National Register and how it fits into the public service interpreting profession. In the last couple of months, talks have been delivered in Manchester, Newcastle, Swansea, Essex and London. The response has been positive and in the spring we will roll this programme out to DPSI course centres.

NRPSI news

Registered organisations exceed 2,000

In November, we passed the landmark of having **more than 2,000 organisations registered** to search the National Register. These include more than 180 HMCTS sites and 700 solicitor firms, and 160 local government offices and 50 health sites. More than 50% of the individuals registered are from the various police forces. Visitors to the NRPSI website hit a high for the year in November, reflecting the increase in users.



QR Codes on NRPSI Photo ID Cards

From early 2017 we will be adding **QR Codes** to the reverse of the NRPSI Photo ID Cards. These will make it easier for your clients to check your credentials. Instead of entering your Registration Number into the website, if they have a smartphone or tablet with the appropriate scanning app, they can simply scan the QR Code to access your online record. QR Codes will be added automatically to Registrants' ID cards at the point of renewal.



Language Show Live Scotland, 10-11 March 2017

NRPSI has had two suggested sessions accepted for the **2017 seminar programme at Language Show Scotland Live**. We will deliver one presentation on what a career in public service interpreting involves entitled 'What does it take to be a Public Service Interpreter?'. We will also chair a panel session on 'Underpinning standards required for public service interpreting in Scotland'. This will include participants from all aspects of interpreting in Scotland.



Security clearance update: CRBs dated in 2011

We will be removing any remaining **2011 CRBs** from Registrants' records at the beginning of the New Year in accordance with **our policy**. Registrants have been informing us that obtaining security clearances from the relevant vetting authorities is taking **longer than ever**. So please do not wait until you are contacted by NRPSI to obtain an updated clearance. Where Registrants only have a 2011 CRB and do not provide a valid security clearance, their registration could be suspended until an updated clearance is provided. To avoid this happening, please check your security clearance record on the Register now.



NRPSI opening hours

To confirm, NRPSI will be open every normal working day in December and January. However, owing to the holiday, we will be **operating with a reduced staff**. So please do bear with us if it takes longer than normal to respond to your query.



May I take this opportunity on behalf of the NRPSI team to wish you **Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year**. Please do send us any suggestions for inclusion in the newsletter to admin@nrpsi.org.uk.

Stephen Bishop, Executive Director, NRPSI