

## **Chair's report to Council – 24 May 2017**

This paper provides Council with a summary of the key meetings and events that the Chair has attended since the last Council meeting. The Chair has undertaken a large number of meetings since the last report was considered by Council and these are all listed within the appendix. However, some more detailed information relating to the key meetings has been provided below.

### **Meeting with External Stakeholders**

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the Chair has met with a number of external stakeholders including Linda Hindle, AHP lead for Public Health England, Beverly Harden, Health Education England and Scott Court, Higher Education Funding Council for England. A number of common themes emerged from the meetings including HCPC engagement with the apprenticeship initiatives, the impact of advanced and extended roles for AHP on professional regulation and the changing landscape of quality assurance in higher education. All stakeholders valued their continued engagement with HCPC colleagues.
2. Eileen Mullen, Council member, facilitated a meeting for the Chair and herself to meet members of the Acute Care at Home and Intermediate Care Teams, at the Southern Health and Social Care Trust, in Northern Ireland. Colleagues in the Trust were very grateful for the opportunity to demonstrate the broad contribution AHPs can make to the management of patients in both preventing admission and facilitating early discharge, from hospital. There was a range of topics discussed including the balance between extended roles and the continued promotion of protected titles.
3. Meetings with professional bodies continue, these continue to be very constructive discussions exploring areas for collaboration and sharing intelligence from the sector.

### **Conferences and workshops**

4. The Chair was invited to present at a number of professional conferences and symposia over this period. A range of topics was covered, including continuing professional development, standards of conduct performance and ethics. An interesting discussion was also held with the network for retired occupational therapist, physiotherapist or speech and language therapist, about the reasons

to remain registered or not with the HCPC. Positive feedback was received from participants and organisers at all the events.

5. The Chair attended an HCPC stakeholder workshop relating to the research exploring the reasons behind fitness to practice concerns within the social work and paramedic professions. The project is being undertaken by a team lead by Surrey University. The purpose of the event was to explore possible strategies and interventions to prevent such occurrences. There were a number of learning points for the HCPC which will be further developed and explored in a presentation, from the research team to Council, later in the year.

### **Visit to Sheffield Hallam – Physicians Associates**

6. The Chair facilitated a visit to Sheffield Hallam University for colleagues from the HCPC and the regulatory teams across the four home countries. The aim of the visit was to meet Physicians Associates, current students and the academic programme team. All parties came away from the meeting with a greater insight into the role of the Physicians Associate and issues relating to the regulation of a new profession.

**Chair – Elaine Buckley**

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| 1. Meeting with Linda Hindle (Public Health England)                               | 24 March |
| 2. Meeting with Scott Court (Higher Education Funding Council for England)         | 6 April  |
| 3. College of Occupational Therapists event  | 7 April  |
| 4. College of Operating Department Practitioners event                             | 7 April  |
| 5. NHS Education for Scotland meeting  | 19 April |
| 6. Meeting with the Royal College of Occupational Therapists                       | 20 April |
| 7. Department of Health visit to Sheffield Hallam University                       | 24 April |
| 8. HCPC stakeholder workshop (Social Work research project)                        | 27 April |
| 9. Meeting with Beverley Harden (Health Education England)                         | 2 May    |
| 10. Association for Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine Reception in Leeds | 4 May    |
| 11. Meet the HCPC event in Taunton   | 10 May   |
| 12. Association of Educational Psychologists Committee meeting                     | 12 May   |