

Council, 7 February 2018

Chair's report to Council

This paper provides Council with a summary of the activities that the Chair has undertaken since the last Council meeting. A list of meetings attended since the last report was considered by Council are all listed within the appendix.

Meetings

Meetings with Professional Bodies

Since the last Council meeting, the Chair and Chief Executive have continued to meet with professional bodies, including the Faculty of Physicians Associates. The HCPC's response to the recent consultation on the regulation of the Medical Associates was shared, followed by a general discussion about the issues relating to professional regulation.

A successful round table discussion took place in January, between the HCPC and colleagues from professional bodies. Most of our professions were represented. The focus for the discussion was the recent consultation on the future shape of regulation. There appeared to be a great deal of consensus among the participants with respect to the key topics. The HCPC shared the headlines of its response to the consultation. Feedback from the event was positive and consideration will be given to hosting a second event later in the year.

Meeting with Shona Robison MSP, the Scottish Minister for Health and Sport

The Chair, Chief Executive and Director of Communications had a very productive meeting with Shona Robison MSP, the Scottish Minister for Health and Sport. The topics discussed included the recent consultation into the future shape of regulation, the Minister recognise the need for flexible legislation to allow regulators to undertake their role efficiently and flexibly. In addition she was also supportive of the need to regulate Physicians Associates.

Meeting with Linda Hindle, the lead Allied Health Professional for Public Health England

The Chair and Director of Policy and Standards meet with Linda Hindle, the lead Allied Health Professional for Public Health England. A number of potential areas

for collaboration were explored including exchange of data and looking for joint research opportunities.

Speaking events

In addition to the 'Meet the HCPC' events in Hull and St Helens, the Chair was invited to speak at the Yorkshire and Humber regional meeting of the CSP. The events provided an opportunity to describe the role of the HCPC and also explore the outcomes of recently-commissioned research into professionalism and factors impacting on fitness to practice complaints.

HCPC's Corporate Plan

The Council and Executive colleagues participated in a workshop to further define the corporate priorities for the next 2-3 years. This remains work in progress and a final version of a corporate plan, along with a set of key performance indicators will be presented to Council for consideration at the meeting in March.

Chair – Elaine Buckley

1. Hazel Winning, Lead AHP Officer, Department of Health Belfast 10 October
2. Colum Conway, Chief Executive and colleagues of Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC), Belfast 10 October
3. Olive Macleod, Chief Executive of Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA), Belfast 10 October
4. Alison McCullough, Chair of Allied Health Professions Federation Northern Ireland (AHFNI), Belfast 11 October
5. Stakeholder Event, Understanding and Preventing FTP Concerns, Belfast 11 October
6. Strategic Away Day, Belfast 12-13 October
7. Annual Scottish Regulation Event, Edinburgh 30 October
8. Veronica Greenwood, Chair of the British & Irish Orthoptic Society 1 November
9. Nicola Gale, President and colleagues of the British Psychological Society 1 November
10. Employer Event, Manchester 2 November
11. Karen Middleton, Chief Executive of The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy 15 November
12. Mary Chapman, Chair of the General Chiropractic Council 15 November

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| 13. EMT Project Planning Meeting | 24 November |
| 14. Education Seminar, HCPC's Revised Standards of Education and Training, Leeds | 28 November |
| 15. Lynne Rowley, Chair of the British Association of Prosthetists & Orthotists (BAPO) | 29 November |
| 16. George Jenkins, Chair of the Professional Standards Authority | 29 November |
| 17. Meet the HCPC Event, Hull | 30 November |
| 18. Gareth Thomas, President and colleagues of The Society and College of Radiographers | 12 December |
| 19. Dawn Scott, Chief Executive and Tracey Williams, Vice President of the Association for Perioperative Practice (AFPP) | 14 December |
| 20. Jeannie Watkins, President and Chair of Professional Standards, Faculty of Physician Associates at the Royal College of Physicians | 14 December |