

Agenda Item 8 (i)

Enclosure 4

**Health and Care Professions Council
20 March 2019**

Chief Executive's report

For discussion

**From Marc Seale, Chief Executive and
Registrar**

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1. Meetings attended

A list of the meetings attended since the last Council meeting is attached. I have set out below a summary of two particular meetings.

- **Professional Standards Authority conference**

This research and academic conference is attended by all the health and care regulators as well as international regulators, academics and education stakeholders. The theme this year was 'What is it to be a good regulator' and there were a range of sessions which focused on systems, ethics and common traits of good regulators.

- **NHS Education for Scotland (NES)**

We met with NES to discuss in more detail their request to seek an extension to the timetable for the implementation of SET1 in relation to paramedic programmes.

2. Key updates to highlight to the Council

The following is a key update for the Council's attention.

- **Proposals to increase the registration fees**

Following the Council's decision, we have been monitoring reaction. The trade unions and some professional bodies issued press releases and there has been coverage in several professional journals. This has tended to follow the line taken by the unions criticising the decision. However, a number of the professional bodies have been more balanced and used our statement highlighting the key messages.

Immediately following the decision, the unions started to encourage their members to contact their MPs. This has resulted in letters directed to us, an Early Day Motion and written questions in parliament. In response to the written questions, the Government has stated that 'HCPC registration fees will remain the lowest of any of the United Kingdom-wide health and care regulators. Registration fees are tax-deductible and this fee rise will amount to just over £1 a month extra for most of the HCPC's registrants.' We are monitoring the EDM and responding to parliamentary letters as they arrive. We have also provided a briefing note to the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Sport in Scotland.

Following the initial reaction on social media, where we were directly tweeted by approximately 40 people, social media activity is now limited.

We will continue to monitor reaction and respond appropriately.

Meeting schedule period covering 11 February - 20 March

Department of Health and Social Care Claire Armstrong, Deputy Director, Professional Regulation Branch	7 February
Patient Safety Learning Helen Hughes, Chief Executive, HCPC	11 February
UNITE	11 February
Department of Health and Social Care Conference call regarding Social Work England possible grant extension	11 February
Westminster Health Forum	12 February
Reforming Regulation	15 February
Future Clinical Workforce – Healthcare Science'	18 February
Department of Health and Social Care Conference call regarding Social Work England possible grant extension	26 February
Professional Standards Authority George Jenkins, Chair and Alan Clamp, Chief Executive, PSA	26 February
Meet the HCPC Swansea	27 February
KPMG Amanda Woodhouse, Director and Priya Bange, HCPC	4 March
London South Bank University Rachel Picton, Interim Head of Department, HCPC	4 March
Social Work England Colum Conway, Chief Executive and Lord Patel, Chair, HCPC	5 March
Professional Standards Authority Conference	7 & 8 March
NHS Education for Scotland Karen Wilson, Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions, Edinburgh	11 March
HENSE	13 March

London Ambulance Service
Garrett Emmerson, Chief Executive, London

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