

## Chair's Report – May 2021

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To update Council about the Chair's activity and developments on HCPC issues and to give colleagues an opportunity to update Council on projects and initiatives referenced herein.

### **2. COVID-19**

The opportunities and impacts of decisions about the HCPC's future footprint need to be carefully assessed, not least with an imminent lease break point coming up. The acceleration of positive changes made during the pandemic, have important policy dimensions. I have had a preliminary discussion about these with Naomi Nicholson our new Executive Director of Professional Practice and Insight.

### **3. A Culture of Learning**

I am delighted by the perspectives and fresh thinking being brought to our work by our two Council Apprentices. Even better, it seems that they are thoroughly enjoying their roles and opportunities with us, whilst acknowledging that these are stretching. My thanks to Council Members Sonya Lam and Katie Thirlaway who are mentoring Pam and Nicola, as well as Claire Amor and Zoë Allan in Governance, who are supporting the Apprentice programme in numerous ways.

### **4. Communications**

It was a pleasure to be asked to contribute a video message to #ODPday. Such was the success of the event, celebrating the contribution of our registrants over the last year, that it is now planned to become annual. The Health Service Group at Unison played a large part in organising the occasion and felt it really helped towards establishing wider recognition for ODP's.

A 'shout out' for the excellent speech made by our CEO at the Westminster Forum. John spoke on the opportunities of regulatory reform, to an audience including patient group representative organisations.

### **5. System mutual support**

My meetings during this period reflect continued engagement with other regulators and the wider system.

## 6. Committee membership

Kathryn Foreman has concluded her task and finish focus on registration appeals improvements and has now joined the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee. My thanks to Helen Gough for her contribution to the Committee at the beginning of the year and her continued significant engagement as a member of Education and Training Committee and a lead support for our Advance Practice policy work.

## 7. Strategy and Policy

### 7.1. Strategy

Council has agreed a corporate plan and key performance assessment that support the new strategy. We should mark this important moment in establishing the 'golden thread' between policy, plan and delivery, on an outcomes-focused basis. This is a 'first' for the HCPC.

### 7.2. Proposed Fee Increase

The parliamentary process to completion continues with no current contra indications.

### 7.3. Risk Appetite

A new set of Strategic Risks has been approved by Council, with especial thanks to Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Chair, Sue Gallone.

### 7.4. Finance

A cautious interim budget has been approved by Council, with a proposed substantive budget and cost efficiency plan, in progress.

## 8. Chair's meetings

*Regular internal meetings, such as weekly catch up with CEO, are not listed.*

Date	Meeting
March 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Baroness Goudie</li><li>- PSA Chair and CEO (introductory meeting)</li><li>- Director, Credible AI</li><li>- Chair, GOC (introductory meeting)</li></ul>
March 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr. Philippa Whitford MP</li><li>- Acting Chair, NMC</li><li>- Webinar, 'Values' (with Mark Carney)</li></ul>
March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- CEO, Chartered Soc. of Physiotherapists</li></ul>
March 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Council</li></ul>
March 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Committee Chairs</li><li>- Council seminar</li></ul>

	- Chair, GMC
March 29	- Chair, Daden AR
March 30	- Kathryn Foreman (re: Registration project) - Gordon Dixon (exit check-in)
April 1	- Justin Madders MP - FtP Improvement Board - Jo Smith, Chairs of ARAC and PRC (interim budget)
April 7	- Tom Hampshire, PWC (FtP) - Stephen Hay, PWC (healthcare policy)
April 8	- Demystifying Blockchain webinar
April 9	- Julia Middleton, 'Women Emerging from Isolation' Founder
April 12	- Chief APHO's - HCPC workshop (budget) - Regulatory reform discussion (external)
April 13	- Henrietta Hughes, National Guardian 'Speaking Up'
April 14	- HSJ webinar with Sir Simon Stephens
April 15	- Teradata
April 21	- Regulatory reform (internal)
April 26	- PWC including lead healthcare partner
April 27	- Nick Leale, Blake Morgan (introductory meeting)
April 28	- Council workshop
May 4	- Baroness Finlay
May 5	- Bill Gunnyeon (GOsC, introductory) - Pam Ricketts, Council Apprentice
May 7	- Bank of England (economic briefing)
May 11	- Claire Armstrong, DHSC - HEIW (collaboration plans) - Nicola Hunt, Council Apprentice - Chief AHP England
May 12	- Naomi Nicholson (new Exec. Director of Policy and Insight, introductory)
May 13	- Sir Paul Beresford MP