

About the HCPC

The Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) is a statutory regulator of 15 health and care professions in the United Kingdom, with a role to protect the public. Our role and remit is underpinned by the Health Professions Order 2001. We promote high quality professional practice, regulating over 300,000 registrants across 15 different professions by:

- setting standards for professionals' education and training and practice;
- approving education programmes which professionals must complete to register with us;
- keeping a register of professionals, known as 'registrants', who meet our standards;
- acting if professionals on our Register do not meet our standards;
- and stopping unregistered practitioners from using protected professional titles

The 15 health and care professions that we regulate are made up of:

- Arts therapists
- Biomedical scientists
- Chiropodists/podiatrists
- Clinical scientists
- Dietitians
- Hearing aid dispensers
- Occupational therapists
- Operating department practitioners
- Orthoptists
- Paramedics
- Physiotherapists
- Practitioner psychologists
- Prosthetists/orthotists
- Radiographers
- Speech and language therapists

Welsh Language Standards – Mandatory Reporting under standard 66

As part of our obligations under standard 66, during the period from the compliance date until the end of the financial year, we recorded the following:

the number of complaints received during the year in question (1 April 2025	0
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– 31 March 2026) which related to compliance with the standards	
the number of employees who have Welsh language skills (between the period 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026)	3 employees have said they are fully proficient in Welsh 5 have basic understanding of Welsh
the number (on the basis of the records you kept in accordance with standard 63) of new and vacant posts that you advertised during the year which were categorised as posts where— (i) Welsh language skills were essential; (ii) Welsh language skills needed to be learnt when appointed to the post; (iii) Welsh language skills were desirable; or (iv) Welsh language skills were not necessary.	0 0 1 409