

## **Chair's report to Council**

This paper provides Council with a summary of the key meetings the Chair has undertaken with external stakeholders since the last Council meeting. Appendix 1 contains the full schedule of meetings undertaken during this period.

### **1. Writing in Professional Social Work Practice in a Changing Communicative Landscape (4 May)**

The Chair sat on an Open University research project expert Panel looking at documentation in social work practice. This involvement provided an opportunity to meet registrants and other stakeholders and to clarify the HCPC's expectations with respect to registrant's note keeping. This is a 2 year project that aims to produce good practice guidance for the Social Work profession.

### **2. World Health Professions Regulation Conference (21-22 May)**

The Chair, Chief Executive and Director of Policy and Standards attended the annual World Health Professions Regulation Conference in Geneva. In addition to this being an opportunity to network with international regulators, it provided an opportunity to benchmark the HCPC against trends and emerging themes in best regulation practise. Reflecting on the range of presentations across the two days, a number of strategic questions emerged:

- How risk based is HCPC's approach to regulation?
- Emphasis on the importance of continued engagement with our stakeholders especially registrants and the public.
- Is the HCPC proactive in its relationships with stakeholders e.g. QAA, sharing data internationally
- APHRA have produced a document setting out their regulation principles, is the HCPC missing an opportunity to promote its approach to regulation?
- Does the HCPC utilise the data it collects effectively?

### **3. Meet the HCPC Belfast (7 June)**

The new Standards of Conduct Performance and Ethics were received very positively by a diverse cross section of registrants. There was some rich debate about how they might be used in practice and education settings.

### **4. Higher Education Academy workshop (9 June)**

The Chair, in her capacity as a member of the national Principal HEA Fellowship network, was invited to join a small group workshop run by HEA focusing on their potential role as a professional body in the higher education sector and their emerging process to monitor continued 'good standing' among Fellows. Once established, this will result in HCPC registrants working in the higher education sector to demonstrate their CPD activity through more than one process.

**5. Higher Education Academy conference speaker Aston University (21 June)**

The Chair was a speaker at this conference, discussion focused on the HCPC's approach to CPD.

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1. Open University Advisory Panel Meeting on Writing in professional Social Work Practice 4 May
2. Visit from INPTRA 19 May
3. World Health Professions Regulation Conference, Geneva 21 May
4. Research meeting with University of Surrey 1 June
5. Meet the HCPC, Belfast 7 Jun
6. Principle Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA) Network 10 June
7. Gary Blissett GB Training meeting 15 June
8. Visit from Dato Tan Yoke Hwa, Ministry of Health in Malaysia 16 June
9. Higher Education conference at Aston University 21 June