

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. Annual Professional Body meetings (various dates)

Several interesting and informative meetings have been held with professional bodies since the Chair's last report. Meetings were held with;

- The British Psychological Society
- The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy
- College of Paramedics
- British Society of Hearing aid Audiologists

Common agenda items discussed during the meetings included;

- the development of apprenticeships as a future model for training healthcare professionals
- the potential impact of the new funding regime for allied health professionals in England
- new care models and the broadening of traditional health and social care roles
- proposed DoH consultations
- the new social worker regulator and the impact on the HCPC

A variety of opportunities for collaboration were identified within the meetings, including joint promotional campaigns and the HCPC presenting at conferences.

2. Chair and CEO of the Professional Standards Authority (8 December 2016)

The discussion covered a number of subjects including feedback on the audit process and suggestions for improvement, the proposed DoH consultation and the future direction for PSA.

3. Meeting of regulatory body chairs and chief executives (15 December 2016)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss collaboration and explore potential areas of mutual benefit. Possible projects identified were joint standards, shared

training of FTP panel members and Chairs and the creation of a single register. Notes from the meeting have been circulated to Council members.

4. Meeting with Sue Hill and Fiona Carragher, NHS England (9 January)

This was the Chair's first meeting with the Chief Scientific Officer. The meeting provided helpful insight into the key strategic issues facing the professions. The proposed DoH consultation was discussed, in addition to the current position on regulating new professions and the possibility of annotation of the register for consultant clinical scientists.

5. Allied Health Professions strategy launch (17 January)

The Chair attended the new Allied Health Professions into Action strategy (England) launch. 'AHPs into Action' seeks to define how England would be different if AHPs were genuinely used effectively. The strategy was developed using 'crowdsourcing', enabling AHPs to participate in large numbers.

The event showcased a number of examples of new care models and demonstrated how AHPs were working in a variety of extended roles.

The Chair was able to facilitate meetings with a number of AHP leaders; Linda Hindle (Public Health England) and Joanne Fillingham (NHS Improvement). A meeting with Suzanne Rastrick, the Chief Allied Health Professions Officer (England), has been scheduled.

6. Council of Deans of Health (CoDH) Annual General Meeting (24 January)

The Chair was invited to join a panel to discuss forthcoming strategic priorities for the higher education sector across the UK. Throughout the day there were extensive discussion about apprenticeships, at levels 6 (pre-registration) and level 7 (advanced practitioners); extended roles and challenges to public in identifying the professional background of practitioners; impact of the various funding models for health programme and the impact of the UK exit from the EU on workforce mobility.

The Chair met the Chief Executive and the President elect, there was a strong desire to strengthen the relationship further between the HCPC and CoDH, particularly in relation to their portfolio themes; research, workforce, regulation and international.

Chair – Elaine Buckley

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| 1. PSA | 8 December 2016 |
| 2. Meeting of regulatory body chairs and chief executives | 15 December 2016 |
| 3. College of Paramedics | 9 January |
| 4. Sue Hill and Fiona Carragher, NHS England | 9 January |
| 5. Allied Health Professions Event, London | 17 January |
| 6. Chartered Society of Physiotherapy | 18 January |
| 7. Council of Deans of Health Annual Meeting, Edinburgh | 24 January |
| 8. British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists | 27 January |
| 9. Meet the HCPC, East London | 2 February |
| 10. George Jenkins, PSA | 2 February |
| 11. EMT Budget Planning Off-Site, London | 3 February |