

## **Council, 6 July 2017**

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

This paper provides Council with a summary of the key meetings and events that the Chair has attended since the last Council meeting. The Chair has undertaken a number of meetings since the last report was considered by Council and these are all listed within the appendix. However, some more detailed information relating to the key meetings has been provided below.

#### **1. All Employee Development Day**

The Chair was invited to attend and participate in the HCPC's All Employee Development Day. The theme of the day was 'team working' and an opportunity for colleagues to gain an insight into areas of the organisation they may be less familiar with. There was a broad range of innovative activities led by EMT members and their teams, focusing on areas of the business. It was impressive to see the sustained level of engagement of participants throughout a very busy day.

#### **2. Workshop: 'Writing in professional social work practice in a changing communicative'**

As a member of the advisory panel, the Chair is contributing to a research project being undertaken by a team from the Open University - 'Writing in professional social work practice in a changing communicative'. The project is identifying the challenges for social workers in relation to writing in profession practice. The workshop in June considered the implications for professional standards and the role of education providers in minimising the risks in relation to this activity.

The project team concluded that they would seek to use their research findings to inform any future work on development of standards for social workers.

Project web site - [www.writinginsocialwork.com](http://www.writinginsocialwork.com)

#### **3. Chief Allied Health Professions Officer's (England) Annual Conference**

The Chair attended the Chief Allied Health Professions Officer's (England) Annual Conference. The focus of the event was to showcase the contribution Allied Health Professions (AHP's) are able to make to the challenges facing the delivery of health and social care in England.

A number of recurring themes emerged including:

- Broadening role of AHPs;
- Advanced practice;
- New roles e.g. Physicians Associates; and
- Apprenticeships at a range of academic levels.

It was formally announced that Maureen Drake would be working in Suzanne Rastrick's team.

The UK wide public health guidance for undergraduate curricula was also launched and the HCPC's contribution to this work was acknowledged.

#### **4. International Network of Physical Therapy Regulatory Authorities conference**

The International Network of Physical Therapy Regulatory Authorities conference took place in June. The Chair will be delivering a presentation which aims to demonstrate that regulation can facilitate innovation in the design and delivery of physiotherapy education programmes, using examples to illustrate the diversity of provision in the UK. She has also agreed to take part in a panel discussion exploring the relationship between the expanding role of physiotherapy and the role of the regulator.

**Chair – Elaine Buckley**

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| 1. HCPC All Employee Development Day  | 19 May  |
| 2. Meeting with Karen Middleton   | 9 June  |
| 3. Open University Social Work Research Project   | 13 June |
| 4. Meeting with George Jenkins, PSA   | 19 June |
| 5. Chief Allied Health Professions Officer Annual Conference (London)                                 | 21 June |
| 6. CPD Revised Standards Event (Edinburgh)  | 22 June |
| 7. International Network of Physical Therapy Regulatory Authorities (INPTRA Conference, South Africa) | 30 June |
| 8. Meet the HCPC Event (Southampton)  | 11 July |