

**Agenda Item 8(i)**

**Enclosure 4**

**Health and Care Professions Council  
19 September 2018**

**Chief Executive's report**

**For discussion**

**From Marc Seale, Chief Executive and  
Registrar**

## **Chief Executive's report – 19 September 2018**

### **1. Meetings attended**

A list of the meetings the Chief Executive has attended since the last Council meeting is attached.

### **2. Key updates to highlight to the Council**

The following are some key activities for the Council's attention.

#### **Statutory regulation of Sonographers**

- With the Society of Radiographers, Health Education England and NHS England, I have signed a letter, on behalf of the HCPC, to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care to highlight the continued need for statutory regulation of this profession. This follows the recommendation we made in 2010, which was placed on hold after the General Election and then by the current Government.
- There is an urgent workforce need, particularly in diagnostics, to increase and strengthen the sonography workforce available to the NHS. Innovative approaches to training and recruitment are being driven by NHS England, NHS Improvement and Health Education England to respond to this.
- With the Society of Radiographers, we are seeking a meeting with the Secretary of State to press for statutory regulation to support these initiatives.

#### **Regulation of Medical Associate Professionals**

- At the beginning of September, the Acting Chair and I wrote to both the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care and the Minister of State for Health & Social Care.
- The letter presses our support for the Government's proposal to statutory regulate these professionals; reinforces our readiness, experience and ability to quickly and easily bring these groups into multi-professional regulation by the HCPC.

#### **Scottish Government**

- At our recent meeting with officials from the Scottish Government, the Acting Chair and I discussed our strategic priorities, prevention agenda and five-year plan. We are now writing to the new Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport,

seeking a meeting to discuss these issues and bring her up to date with the work of the HCPC.

### **Gross negligence manslaughter working group**

- I have been invited to join the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) working group which has been set up to implement the recommendations made by Professor Sir Norman Williams following his review.
- The first meeting will take place on 20 September 2018 and the initial focus of the Group will be to discuss and develop a shared understanding of the law on gross negligence manslaughter.
- A further area where the DHSC are seeking input is the development of a new memorandum of understanding (MoU) between relevant bodies, including the College of Policing, the CPS, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), Health and Safety Executive (HSE), the Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) and professional regulators, in relation to the investigation of deaths in a healthcare setting.
- I will continue to update Council on the progress of this Working Group

### **Promoting professionalism, reforming regulation**

- The DHSC is currently drafting the Government's response to the consultation on regulatory reform, which closed in January this year. I understand the aim is to publish before the end of the year.
- A meeting of the health and care regulators has been organised for 18 September 2018 to meet with officials from the DHSC to discuss their current plans.
- I will provide a further update to Council following this meeting.

## Chief Executive – Marc Seale

Period covering 6 July – 20 September

<b>Department for Education</b> interview with the Infrastructure & Projects Authority	9 July
<b>AHPs into Action Programme Board</b>	10 July
<b>Care Quality Commission event</b> David Behan	10 July
<b>Society of Radiographers</b> Council meeting, London	11 July
<b>NHS England</b> Suzanne Rastrick, Chief Allied Health Professions Officer, London	18 July
<b>Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council</b> Barry O'Sullivan, Deputy Director & Registrar, HCPC	19 July
<b>Children and Family Community Services – States of Guernsey</b> Nicky Gallienne, Head of Service, Guernsey	23 July
<b>Odgers Interim</b> SJ Leatherdale, Head of Healthcare, HCPC	30 July
<b>Department of Health and Social Care</b> Tom Kark QC	6 August
<b>Professional Standards Authority</b> Harry Cayton, Chief Executive and George Jenkins, Chair, London	8 August
<b>Department of Health Northern Ireland</b> Hazel Winning, Allied Health Professional Lead, Peter McAuley, Deputy Principal, Allied Health Professionals, Peter Barbour, Principal, Healthcare Policy Group	28 August
<b>Pharmaceutical Society Northern Ireland</b> Dr Jim Livingstone, Chair, Belfast	28 August
<b>Scottish Government</b> Jason Birch, Interim Unit Head, Directorate for Chief Nursing Officer, Edinburgh	4 September
<b>General Medical Council (Scotland)</b> Nicola Cotter, Head of Scotland office, Edinburgh	4 September

<b>Department of Health and Department for Education</b> Transition of social works regulation, HCPC	5 September
<b>Patient Safety Specialist</b> James Titcombe OBE, Patient safety campaigner, HCPC	5 September
<b>Department of Health and Department for Education</b> Tracey Watterson, Assistant Director Social Work England Implementation Project, Colum Conway, Chief Executive for Social Work England, HCPC	10 September
<b>Allied Health Professions Federation Board meeting</b>	11 September
<b>Meet the HCPC Plymouth</b>	13 September
<b>Department of Health</b> Claire Armstrong, Deputy Director, Professional Regulation Branch Workforce Division, Gavin Lerner, Director of Workforce  Acute Care and Workforce, London	18 September
<b>Department of Health and Social Care</b> Promoting professionalism, reforming regulation, London	18 September
<b>Department of Health</b> GNM Working Group Meeting, London	20 September
<b>Association of Radical Midwives</b> Katherine Hales, National Coordinator, HCPC	20 September
<b>Profession Standards Authority</b> Meeting with Social Work England and Health and Care Professions Council, London	20 September