

**Agenda Item 8 (i)**

**Enclosure 4**

**Health and Care Professions Council  
06 December 2018**

**Chief Executive's report**

**For discussion**

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

## **Chief Executive's report – 6 December 2018**

### **1. Meetings attended**

A list of the meetings 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.

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

- Following the letter sent to the Secretary of State for Health & Social Care and the Minister of State for Health & Social Care in September, I have continued to liaise with officials at the DHSC.
- At their request, we have provided further information on the work we would need to undertake to bring this professional group into statutory regulation, if we were the regulator of choice.
- The information we have provided includes the required changes to our legislation and rules, projected timelines and possible costs. This reinforces our readiness, experience and ability to quickly and easily bring these groups into multi-professional regulation.

#### **Scottish Government**

- Following our correspondence, we have a meeting with the new Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport scheduled in December. The intention is to bring her up to date with the work of the HCPC, including our strategic priorities, the prevention agenda and five-year financial plan.

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

- As previously reported, the DHSC is currently developing the Government's policy on regulatory reform. I understand the aim is to publish a response to the consultation, which will incorporate their proposed approach, before the end of the year.

- The Executive and I have continued to liaise with the health and care regulators and officials from the DHSC to discuss their current plans.
- I will continue to provide updates to the Council.

### **Professional Standards Authority (PSA) Performance Review 2018-19**

- The PSA have formally written to notify us that the assessment stage of our annual review of performance is now underway.
- At this stage, the PSA will look at our previous performance review, the dataset for 1 January 2018 to 30 September 2018 and information already in the public domain (for example Council and Committee papers). They will also undertake a register check and gather feedback from third parties.
- They will use this assessment stage to reach a preliminary view as to whether the Standards of Good Regulation are met or not and to recommend to the PSA's decision-making panel as to the type of review to be carried out.
- I met with the new Chief Executive on 15 November 2018

## Chief Executive – Marc Seale

Period covering 21 September – 6 December

<b>General Medical Council</b> Interview with Susan Smith for GMC study	21 September
<b>Care Quality Commission</b> Ian Trenholm, Chief Executive, HCPC	21 September
<b>Council on Licensure Enforcement &amp; Regulation</b>	24-28 September
<b>General Optical Council</b> Lesley Longstone, Interim Chief Executive, London	1 October
<b>NHS Education for Scotland</b> Helen McFarlane, Interim Acting up Associate Director, Karen Wilson, Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professions, Caroline Lamb, Chief Executive, Robert Farley, Healthcare Science Programme Director and Judy Thomson, Director of Psychology, Edinburgh	2 October
<b>Department of Health and Social Care</b> Claire Armstrong, Deputy Director, Mark Bennett, Head of Professional, Duncan Hall, Section Head Priority Projects and Jon Stones, Section Head, Leeds	3 October
<b>International Association of Medical Regulatory Authority</b>	5-8 October
<b>Unite the Union</b> Jane Beach, Professional Officer of Regulation, Colenzo Jarrett-Thorpe, National Officer, HCPC	15 October
<b>Health Education National Strategic Exchange</b>	18 October
<b>The Whitehall &amp; Industry Group</b>	18 October
<b>Department of Health Northern Ireland</b> Hazel Winning, Allied Health Professional Lead, Peter Barbour, Principal, Healthcare Policy Group and Kieran McAteer, Deputy Principal, Belfast	22 October
<b>Northern Ireland Social Care Council</b> Paul Martin, Chair, Belfast	22 October
<b>AHP into Action Programme</b> Board meeting, HCPC	30 October

<b>Society of Radiographers</b> Sue Webb, President of UK Council and Richard Evans, Chief Executive, HCPC	31 October
<b>Institute of Biomedical Science</b> Jill Rodney, Chief Executive and Alison Geddis Chair, HCPC	31 October
<b>British and Irish Orthoptic Society</b> Veronica Greenwood, Chair and Julie Cartledge, Vice Chair, HCPC	31 October
<b>London South Bank University</b> Installation of Sir Simon Hughes as new University Chancellor, London	1 November
<b>NHS England</b> Suzanne Rastrick, Chief Allied Health Professions Officer	2 November
<b>House of Lords</b> Indian Traditional Sciences - 3rd Ayurveda Day	12 November
<b>Professional Standards Authority</b> Alan Clamp, Chief Executive	15 November
<b>5 Countries Chief Executive &amp; Directors meeting</b> Board meeting, Cardiff	16 November
<b>Department of Health and Department for Education</b> Transition of social works regulation, HCPC	19 November
<b>Chartered Society of Physiotherapy</b> Karen Middleton, Chief Executive and Alex Mackenzie, Chair, HCPC	21 November
<b>Chief Executives Steering Group</b> Board meeting, Edinburgh	22 November
<b>Royal College of Occupational Therapy</b> Julia Scott, Chief Executive and Patricia McClure, Chair, HCPC	27 November
<b>Department of Health</b> Claire Armstrong, Deputy Director Professional Regulation Acute Care and Workforce Directorate	27 November
<b>Meet the HCPC Barnsley</b>	28 November
<b>The Institute of Chiropodists and Podiatrists</b> Andrew Williams, Chair – Board of Education and Martin Harvey, Chair – Executive Committee, Barnsley	28 November

**Welsh Government**

Ruth Crowder, Chief Therapy (Allied Health Professions)  
Advisor and John Brice Healthcare Technology Innovation &  
Strategy Division, Cardiff

3 December

**Health Education National Strategic Exchange**

5 December

**Royal College of Occupational Therapy**

6 December