

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)

The Chair, CEO and Stakeholder Communications Manager have begun the HCPC's annual series of meetings with the Professional Bodies. These have been well received and appreciated.

Agenda items have covered the current consultations, an update on the Tribunal services and general discussion around the forthcoming consultation about the future of professional regulation. The potential for a stakeholder event to discuss the HCPC's views about the forthcoming consultation was positively received.

A variety of actions have emerged from the meetings, ranging from updating our contact lists to planning joint campaigns. On a number of occasions invitations were extended for staff from the professional bodies to spend time at the HCPC to getting a further insight into our processes.

2. Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) (18 October & 11 November)

The Chair attended two events at the invitation of the CSP. The first was in Belfast promoting the impact of physiotherapy as told through service users. This event was chaired by the Chair of the Northern Ireland Committee for Health, Paula Bradley. The second event was the World Confederation for Physical Therapy European Conference in Liverpool. Both events provided the opportunity to meet service users, registrants and the AHP leads in the Home Countries, in addition to the CEO and President of the CSP.

3. Radiography Awards Ceremony (8 November)

The Society of Radiographers invited the Chair and CEO to their awards ceremony at the House of Commons. This again provided an opportunity to meet a number of registrants and listen to a range of new developments both in

workforce and technology. The Chair also took the opportunity to meet with the AHP lead for Public Health England, Linda Hindle.

4. Meeting with Hazel Winning, Department of Health, Belfast (23 November)

The Chair, CEO and Stakeholder Communications Manager met with Hazel Winning the AHP lead in Northern Ireland along with Civil Service colleagues from workforce planning and regulation. The agenda was wide ranging covering the recently launched 2026 vision of the Health Minister: Delivering Together.

It was apparent that AHPs would become more prominent within the workforce and more services would be delivered away from the acute setting, potentially requiring the development of more flexible roles. The AHP strategy was about to be launched and the Chair volunteered to speak any relevant event during 2017.

The NI location of the 2017 HCPC strategy away day was discussed and received very positively. It was agreed that the dates would be shared as soon as possible and we would include Hazel in the planning of any associated stakeholder events.

5. Other activity

The Chair has been involved in two appointment campaigns. The first being the appointment of two Lay Council members, which received 124 applications. Two names have been put forward to the Privy Council and we await confirmation of their appointment. The second is the appointment of the Tribunal Advisory Committee, which attracted 114 applications. This is currently ongoing.

As part of her ongoing development the Chair continues to meet with experienced Chairs within and outside of the regulatory sector. This has provided an invaluable opportunity to discuss a range of issues and also provides assurance that the Council currently operates in line with good governance principles.

Chair – Elaine Buckley

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| 1. Higher Education Academy meeting | 4 October |
| 2. Meet the HCPC, Ayr | 10 October |
| 3. Council Strategic Away Day | 11 October |
| 4. Meeting with Health Education England | 17 October |
| 5. Physiotherapy Works Event, Belfast | 18 October |
| 6. Scottish Annual Regulation Conference, Edinburgh | 31 October |
| 7. Higher Education Academy meeting | 1 November |
| 8. Meeting with Philip Graf | 7 November |
| 9. Meeting with British Association of Arts Therapists | 8 November |
| 10. Meeting with Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists | 8 November |
| 11. Radiography Awards Ceremony | 8 November |
| 12. HCPC Research Seminar | 10 November |
| 13. World Confederation for Physical Therapy European Conference, Liverpool | 11 November |
| 14. Meet the HCPC, Harrogate | 15 November |
| 15. Meeting with British Psychological Society | 28 November |
| 16. Meeting with NHS Employers | 28 November |
| 17. Meeting with PSA | 8 December |