

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. Chair of Professional Standards Authority - George Jenkins (31 March 2016)

This was the first formal meeting between the new Chair of the Professional Standards Authority and the Chair and CEO of the HCPC. George Jenkins became the new Chair of the PSA in January 2016. A productive discussion took place about a range of topics including:

- Relationship between PSA and HCPC
- The new PSA audit approach
- Potential legislative changes
- Future regulatory arrangements for social workers

A guided tour of the new tribunal suites was provided.

2. Higher Education Academy (6 April 2016)

The HEA undertakes a range of activities in the higher education sector, including operating a fellowship scheme and undertaking other activities with individuals and institutions which are aimed at improving teaching quality.

The fellowship scheme is based on a UK Professional Standards Framework (UKPSF) in higher education. The Chair met with senior employees at the HEA. The HEA are moving from a grant based funding model to subscription based model. Topics discussed included

- Approaches and challenges to auditing CPD
- Areas of potential collaboration & joint events

There was enthusiasm to work more closely with the HCPC on projects which were mutually beneficial. HEA have already worked with a number of AHP professional bodies and the NMC.

3. Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine (8 April 2016)

The Chair and CEO met with the President of the IPEM Professor David Brettle and, via teleconference, Professor Richard Lerski, Chair of the Accreditation Committee. Discussion focused on current issues and developments relating to both organisations. The Chair volunteered to be a panel member at a forthcoming conference.

4. Health Education England (HEE) (12 April 2016)

This was the second meeting with HEE between the Chair and Professor John Clark, HEE Director of Education and Quality (lead for AHPs) and Beverly Harden Associate Director of Education and Quality HEE. Also in attendance were the HCPC's Directors of Policy and Standards and Education.

The focus discussion centred on the implications of the recently published consultation paper: *Reforming healthcare education funding: creating a sustainable future workforce*.

HEE's proposed approach to the quality assurance of placement learning and its relationship with the HCPC's education quality assurance processes also discussed.

5. Institute of Biomedical Science (25 April 2016)

This meeting took place with the new President of the IBMS, Ian Sturdgess, and their Chief Executive Jill Rodney. A number of topics were discussed, including the Academy of Health Science, the SCPEs, new Tribunal facilities and forth coming review of the CPD process.

6. Research and Procurement Activities

The Chair gave authorisation for the Chief Executive to sign a contract with Xerox for registrant printing and mailing

Interviews took place to appoint the research team to carry out the study previously agreed by the Council: 'Understanding the prevalence of fitness to practise concerns about paramedics and social workers in England'. The panel consisted of Michael Guthrie, Matthew Hill (Director of Strategy, GDC), Kelly Holder, Graham Towl, Edward Tynan and the Chair.

The panel met with three research teams. The process was robust with each proposal scrutinised thoroughly at interview, scored against clear criteria and any conflicts of interest noted and action taken as necessary. The addition of a non HCPC member of the panel helped provide an important independent perspective. The University of Surrey was our preferred bidder (at the time of writing contracting was under way). The team is led by Anna van der Gaag (HCPC's former Chair).

Chair's Report to the meeting of Council on 19 and 20 May 2016

Chair – Elaine Buckley

Meetings

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| 1. | George Jenkins, PSA Chair | 31 Mar |
| 2. | Higher Education Academy - York | 6 Apr |
| 3. | IPEM in York – President - Professor David Brettle, Chair of the Accreditation Committee -Professor Richard Lerski and CEO - Rosemary Cook | 8 Apr |
| 4. | Health Education England - John Clark and Beverley Harden | 12 Apr |
| 5. | Education Select Committee – Westminster | 20 Apr |
| 6. | Karen Middleton – CEO, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy | 21 Apr |
| 7. | Jill Rodney, Chief Executive, and Ian Sturdgess, President, Institute of Biomedical Science | 25 Apr |
| 8. | Open University Panel Meeting – research panel on writing and recording in social work | 4 May |

Bold – these meetings were instigated by the HCPC.