

# **“Future-proofing” the Health Professions Council: a paper to aid discussion**

## ***Background information***

This discussion group has been purposely framed to allow maximum freedom for Council members participating to consider, in as broad terms as the group wishes, what the future might hold for the HPC, and what the Council could do to best prepare for this.

## ***Key questions***

### **External factors**

What will be the key external factors that could drive change in regulation?  
Some suggestions are made below:

- Europe
- The international context
- Government policy / UK legislation
- Changes in healthcare delivery
- Changes in workforce profiles
- Growth of internet goods and services, expansion of telemedicine
- Changing public attitudes
- Changing stakeholder expectations
- Changing demographics (of registrants or the public)
- Economic factors
- Good practice from outside health

### **Preparing for the future**

What can HPC do to prepare for the future, or to communicate its experience in order to influence the regulatory agenda?

- Commissioning research and publishing findings
- Communications work
- Publishing data
- Contribution to the White Paper’s working groups
- The role of individual Council members
- Stakeholder activity
- Anything else