

Agenda Item 7

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**Health and Care Professions Council
06 December 2017**

Chair's report

For discussion

From Elaine Buckley, Chair of HCPC

Council, 6 December 2017

Chair's report to Council

This paper provides Council with a summary of the activities that the Chair has undertaken since the last Council meeting. A list of meetings attended since the last report was considered by Council are all listed within the appendix.

Meetings and events

During October, the Chair spent four days in Northern Ireland where she met a number of colleagues including the Chief Allied Health Professions Officer, representatives from the Northern Ireland Social Care Council and the Chief Executive of the Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority.

The HCPC also hosted a stakeholder event in Belfast, where an overview of the organisation was presented, along with the highlights of recently-published research into strategies to prevent fitness to practice concerns. The event provided an opportunity for Council and executive members to network with a broad range of stakeholders from across Northern Ireland.

In addition, Council and the Executive management team had a very successful development session in Northern Ireland identifying the key priorities which will inform the corporate business plan. This is currently being refined, with a draft to be considered at the Council meeting in February.

Several HCPC colleagues including the Chair and two Council members attended and contributed to the annual Scottish regulatory conference on 30 October. Contributions included presentations, panels and a stand which was well attended by delegates.

The Chair and Chief Executive continue with their ongoing schedule of meetings with professional bodies. These provide an opportunity to hear about the contemporary issues facing different professions and to discuss regulatory topics such as the consultations relating to Medical Associate Professionals and the future shape of regulation, the transition to Social Work England and to highlight new research and guidance published by the HCPC.

Meet the HCPC events continue to be well attended by registrants with a variety of themes being discussed including CPD, strategies for preventing Fitness to practice concerns and the expanding role of many Allied Health Professionals. Similar topics were discussed at the employer event held in Manchester, again this was well attended and engaged employers from a range of sectors. Very positive feedback

was received from delegates about the informative nature of the presentations and the opportunity to discuss specific scenarios with HCPC colleagues.

Council Recruitment

Since the Council meeting in September, the recruitment process for a new Lay member of Council concluded and Kathryn Foreman has been appointed by the Privy Council and will start on 1st January 2018. We also say goodbye to one of our longstanding members of Council – Nicky Wood, who has been with us since January 2014. Her contribution to the business of Council and the Remuneration Committee has been significant. We wish her great success with her future plans.

Ongoing activity

The governance review continues to make good progress with committees having refreshed their terms of reference and reflected on future work plans. The final two independent members have been recruited to join the Education and Training Committee and the Committee's composition is subject to Council ratification later today. An induction session for all independent committee members will take place in January 2018.

Chair – Elaine Buckley

1. Hazel Winning, Lead AHP Officer, Department of Health Belfast 10 October
2. Colum Conway, Chief Executive and colleagues of Northern Ireland Social Care Council (NISCC), Belfast 10 October
3. Olive Macleod, Chief Executive of Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA), Belfast 10 October
4. Alison McCullough, Chair of Allied Health Professions Federation Northern Ireland (AHFNI), Belfast 11 October
5. Stakeholder Event, Understanding and Preventing FTP Concerns, Belfast 11 October
6. Strategic Away Day, Belfast 12-13 October
7. Annual Scottish Regulation Event, Edinburgh 30 October
8. Veronica Greenwood, Chair of the British & Irish Orthoptic Society 1 November
9. Nicola Gale, President and colleagues of the British Psychological Society 1 November
10. Employer Event, Manchester 2 November
11. Karen Middleton, Chief Executive of The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy 15 November
12. Mary Chapman, Chair of the General Chiropractic Council 15 November

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| 13. EMT Project Planning Meeting | 24 November |
| 14. Education Seminar, HCPC's Revised Standards of Education and Training, Leeds | 28 November |
| 15. Lynne Rowley, Chair of the British Association of Prosthetists & Orthotists (BAPO) | 29 November |
| 16. George Jenkins, Chair of the Professional Standards Authority | 29 November |
| 17. Meet the HCPC Event, Hull | 30 November |
| 18. Gareth Thomas, President and colleagues of The Society and College of Radiographers | 12 December |
| 19. Dawn Scott, Chief Executive and Tracey Williams, Vice President of the Association for Perioperative Practice (AFPP) | 14 December |
| 20. Jeannie Watkins, President and Chair of Professional Standards, Faculty of Physician Associates at the Royal College of Physicians | 14 December |