health & care professions council

Chief Executive's report

1. Meetings attended

• A list of the meetings the Chief Executive has attended since the last Council meeting is attached. The meetings include a planned meeting on 1 February 2017 with Claire Armstrong, the new head of the Department of Health regulation branch.

2. Regulation of social workers in England

- Meetings have been held over recent weeks with Department for Education and Department of Health officials to increase their understanding of the work of the HCPC and help them identify the key issues for the Government's work in establishing the new regulator of social workers in England.
- The Children and Social Work Bill has completed the Committee stage in the House of Commons. At the time of writing, a date for the report stage had yet to be fixed. The Bill has been amended in the commons so is required to go back to the House of Lords for debate. At this stage further amendments can be tabled by the Lords, but they must relate directly to the Commons' amendments.

3. External policy matters

- At the time of writing, we were still awaiting the four country consultation on the reform of health and care professional regulation. We do not have any information as to when the consultation will be published.
- Lord Hunt has introduced a private members bill which is due to receive its second reading on 3 February 2017. If passed, the Bill would require the Government to bring forward legislation giving effect to the recommendations of the Law Commission, Scottish Law Commission and Northern Ireland Law Commission on reform of the regulators.
- A meeting took place between the Chief Executives and Chairs of the regulators on 15 December 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility for future joint working and collaboration.

4. Financial and operational update

- Data and commentary on the performance of the organisation is provided in each directorate report. Points to highlight include.
 - The month nine reforecast indicates that we will now record a small surplus for 2016-17, subject to revaluation of the HCPC's freehold property.
 - The new HR IT system went live in mid-December 2016.
 - The Professional Standards Authority (PSA) performance review for 2016-2017 is underway.

Chief Executive – Marc Seale			
Meetings up to February 2017		Meeting with Claire Armstrong, DH	1 Feb
Regulatory Body of Chairs and Chief Executives	15 Dec	Meet the HCPC, East London	2 Feb
Meeting with Gail Adams	19 Dec	EMT Budget Planning Off-Site, London	3 Feb
Meeting with College of Paramedics	9 Jan	NHS Employers post-Brexit Workforce Discussion	7 Feb
Meeting with Sue Hill and Fiona Carragher, NHS England	9 Jan	PSA Annual Symposium 2017	9 Feb
CLEAR Conference, USA	11 Jan	Scheduled Meetings	
Meeting with British Dietetic Association	17 Jan	Shandong China Visit to HCPC	23 Feb
Meeting with Helen Whiteman, Cilex Regulation	18 Jan	Chief Executives Legislation Group	28 Feb
Chief Executives Steering Group	18 Jan	Meeting with Suzanne Rastrick	1 Mar
Meeting with FMLM project	19 Jan	Meeting with ouzanne reastner	i ividi
Meeting with Anna-Louise Carlton, DH Australia	24 Jan		
Meeting with Samantha Peters, GOC	24 Jan		
Chief Executive Legislation Group	26 Jan		
Meeting with British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists	27 Jan		