

**Agenda Item 7**

**Enclosure 4**

**Health and Care Professions Council  
20 September 2017**

**Chair's report**

**For discussion**

**From Elaine Buckley, Chair of HCPC**

## **Council, 20 September 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.

### **Ongoing activity**

- There has been significant activity over the summer with the developments in relation to the 186 refurbishment project. This is addressed in subsequent papers on today's agenda;
- The Chair was involved in the finalising the research report into Fitness to Practice issues relating paramedics and social workers in England. We will be considering this in detail as part of tomorrow's agenda;
- Work has also been ongoing in finalising the outcomes and recommendations of the governance review which have been summarised in a paper for our consideration and approval.

### **Meetings**

The meeting schedule continued throughout the summer although understandably lighter than usual.

- **Joanne Fillingham the AHP lead for NHS Improvement**

The Director of Policy and Standards and Chair met with Joanne Fillingham the AHP lead for NHS Improvement. A range of topics were discussed including apprenticeships, advanced practitioners, shared use of data and potential for joint research projects. It was agreed that Joanne and Michael would continue to keep each other updated on areas of mutual interest.

- **Council of Deans for Health (CoDH)**

The Chief Executive and Chair met with colleagues from the Council of Deans for Health (CoDH). Both organisations already work closely together on issues relating to the Higher Education sector, across the UK. Topics for discussion included the lack of consistency in paramedic student funding in England, the pressure on resources to fund post registration education, changing quality assurance landscape in higher education and the importance for all agencies in the field to understand each other's role, to avoid duplication or omissions. Colleagues from the CoDH also shared their newly launched strategy. It was agreed that we would continue to look for joint opportunities to work together in delivering the business of both organisations.

At the time of writing, the Chair was still to attend other meetings on the schedule and is happy to give a verbal update as required.

**Chair – Elaine Buckley**

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| 1. Meeting with British Association of Dramatherapists  | 17 July      |
| 2. Meeting with Karen Middleton, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy                                     | 16 August    |
| 3. Meeting with Joanne Fillingham, NHS Improvement  | 16 August    |
| 4. Meeting with Council of Deans, Brian Webb-Henderson (Chair) and Katerina Kolyva (Executive Director) | 4 September  |
| 5. Meeting with Suzanne Rastrick, NHS England   | 7 September  |
| 6. Meeting with George Jenkins, PSA   | 13 September |
| 7. Meet the HCPC event, Eastbourne  | 27 September |