

## **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. The reporting period for this report has been particularly short, this combined with an extended period of travel required by the Chair's academic role.

Appendix 1 contains the full schedule of meetings undertaken during this period.

### **1. Meeting with Suzanne Rastrick, Chief Allied Health Professions (AHP) Officer (England)**

The Chair and Chief Executive met with the AHP lead for England and discussed the 'Allied Health Professions into Action strategy (England)', the launch of which the Chair attended in January, and the widening role of AHPs within the workforce.

Other topics discussed were paramedic education programmes and calls for the raising of the threshold of entry to the register for this group, and the regulation of other professional groups, particularly physician's associates and sonographers.

### **2. Meet the HCPC, Cardiff, 8 March 2017**

The Chair presented at the Meet the HCPC event in Cardiff. Those attending were appreciative of the HCPC visiting Wales and were engaged with the topics discussed. Council members Graham Towl and Joanna Mussen also attended the event, with Graham Towl presenting on the revised standards of conduct performance and ethics.

A number of themes emerged across the two sessions, particularly of interest were the challenges being faced around the use of social media and employer understanding of the responsibilities of a registered practitioner. The results of the recent consultation on new HCPC guidance on the use of social media will be presented to Council for approval on the 23 March. A communications plan being developed around the publication of the guidance will explore the potential to use the guidance in future meet the HCPC events.

### **3. Appraisal meetings with Council members, various dates**

The schedule of appraisal meetings are progressing well, the themes of which will be presented to Council in May. As the Council has previously noted, four current members are eligible for reappointment at the end of 2017, this will be explored with the relevant members at review.

The Chair is working with the Director of Human Resources to begin the reappointments process. The Council will be asked later on today's agenda to approve the proposed appointments panel.

**Chair – Elaine Buckley**

1. Meeting with Suzanne Rastrick, Chief Allied Health Professions Officer for NHS England 1 March
2. Meet the HCPC event, Cardiff 8 March
3. Meeting with Jacqui Lunday, Chief Health Professions Officer for the Scottish Government 13 March
4. Meeting with Society and College of Radiographers 15 March
5. Meeting with Linda Hindle, Lead Allied Health Professionals for Public Health England 24 March