

Agenda Item 7

Enclosure 3

**Health and Care Professions Council
21 March 2018**

Chair's report

For discussion

From Elaine Buckley, Chair of the HCPC

Council, 21 March 2018

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. Meetings attended since the last report was considered by Council are all listed within the appendix.

Meetings

Meetings with Professional Bodies

As part of our regular professional body engagement cycle, the Chair, Chief Executive and Stakeholder Communications Manager, met with the Chair and the new Chief Executive of the Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists. Topics of discussion included the recent consultation on the future of professional regulation, the Society's new strategy and opportunities for collaboration in the future.

Meeting with the Welsh Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

Later in February, the Chair, Chief Executive and Director of Communications met with the Welsh Secretary of State for Health and Social Care; Vaughan Gething AM. This was an informative and positive meeting. Discussion topics included the consultation on the future configuration of professional regulation, the regulation of Medical Associates and the broader contribution allied health professionals can make to service delivery. We also offered our support and assistance with the implementation of the recommendations from the recent parliamentary review of health and social care in Wales.

HCPC engagement activity will continue in Wales with a meet the HCPC event in Wrexham on 14th March and attendance at the Directors of Therapies meeting in April. A letter of congratulations was sent to the newly appointed Chief Therapist for Wales, Ruth Crowder.

Attendance at events

The Chair, Chief Executive and Director of Communications attended an event hosted by the Professional Standards Authority and the Welsh Government, exploring regulatory developments in the Welsh context. In addition to gaining further insight into current developments in the Welsh health and social care sector, this provided an opportunity to build and create new contacts in Wales, including Alex

Howells, the Chief Executive of the newly-created Health Education and Improvement Wales. These will be followed up in the coming weeks.

The Chair of Council, Chair of the Education and Training Committee, along with the Director of Education attended a Higher Education Funding Council seminar exploring the new regulatory landscape for higher education. The new assurance regime appears to be predicated on a risk based approach and will not include routine cyclical visits to established education providers. The education and training committee will need to consider if our current approach to quality assurance is fit for purpose in the new context.

Annual performance reviews

The Chair is currently arranging to meet Council members to undertake this year's appraisal meetings to discuss last year's contributions, reflections on council effectiveness and future development needs.

Speaking events

The Chair presented at the HCPC Employer event in March and facilitated workshop to consider how employers can help to prevent incidences of fitness to practice complaints by creating a supportive and open working environment.

Chair – Elaine Buckley

1. PSA and Welsh Government Regulatory Event, Cardiff 15 February
2. Debbie Delves, Chair and Stephen Jamieson, Chief Executive - The Society of Chiropodists & Podiatrists
3. Vaughan Gething, Cabinet Secretary for Health & Social Services – Welsh Government, Cardiff 26 February
4. HCPC Employer event 6 March
5. Effectively Regulating UK Higher Education Conference – HEFCE conference 8 March
6. Lee McDonough, Director General, Acute Care and Workforce - Department of Health & Social Care 13 March
7. Meet the HCPC (Wrexham) 15 March