

**Agenda Item 7**

**Enclosure 3**

**Health and Care Professions Council  
24 May 2018**

**Chair's report**

**For discussion**

**From Elaine Buckley, Chair of the HCPC**

Council, 24 May 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**

#### **Stakeholder engagement**

The Chair and Chief Executive met with Lord Patel of Bradford, the newly appointed Chair of Social Work England. This was a very productive meeting, and the commitment to work collaboratively to ensure a smooth transition of responsibility between the two regulators was reaffirmed. An open invitation was extended to Lord Patel and his team to visit the HCPC, to help build knowledge of current processes. It was also agreed that this group would meet regularly throughout the transition period.

The Chair visited the Southern Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland at the invitation of Council member Eileen Mullan. Eileen is a Non-Executive Director on the Trust board and kindly arranged visits to a number of clinical settings, The Chair met a range of allied health professionals (AHPs) undertaking innovative projects; including radiographers who now report on X rays and ultra sound scans, speeding up results for patients. She also observed the multidisciplinary team working in the emergency department and intermediate care.

The Chair and Chief Executive attended the Advancing Health Care Awards, which showcased a broad range of examples where AHPs have demonstrated innovation and entrepreneurship in improving the speed and effectiveness of the service for the patients and clients. It also provided an opportunity to network with key stakeholders including Health Education England, NHS Employers, Allied Health Professions Federation and the Chief Allied Health Officers in Northern Ireland and Wales.

At the time of writing the Chair had accepted an invitation to attend the Royal College of Occupational Therapists strategy launch on 17th May.

#### **Evidence informed regulation**

As a member of an expert advisory group the Chair has been contributing to ESRC funded research project; WiSp (Writing in Social Work Practice), being undertaken by a team from the Open University. The project is exploring the writing activities social workers undertake during their practice; an output from the project will be teaching material for educators and the profession to support the development of

improved writing skills. This should assist in the prevention of fitness to practice concerns around record keeping.

The Chair was invited to contribute to a panel discussion at the College of Paramedics conference. The session was focused on exploring the findings from the recently commissioned research 'People like us' conducted by Surrey University.

### **Governance**

The Chair continues to undertake appraisals with Council members, once these are complete in May she will draw together emergent themes in a paper for Council to consider at its July meeting.

**Chair – Elaine Buckley**

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| 1. OU Research workshop, Milton Keynes  | 23 March |
| 2. Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Northern Ireland                      | 10 April |
| 3. Advancing Healthcare Awards Lunch, Chelsea Harbour                           | 20 April |
| 4. Lord Patel, Chair of Social Work England, House of Lords                     | 25 April |
| 5. College of Paramedics National Conference, Oxford                            | 9 May    |
| 6. Royal College of Occupational Therapists Strategic Intentions launch, London | 17 May   |
| 7. General Osteopathic Council, Tim Walker, Chief Executive and Registrar, HCPC | 23 May   |