



## **Council of Deans of Health Response to the Professional Standards Authority Performance Review of the Health & Care Professions Council (HCPC)**

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### **Council of Deans of Health**

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<http://www.councilofdeans.org.uk/>.

We welcome the opportunity to respond to this performance review.

### **Feedback**

We have continued to have a constructive working relationship with the HCPC and as in previous years, we have broadly had a positive experience. Our members have not notified us of any particular concerns with the HCPC during 2015.

Over the past year we have responded to:

- Consultation on Revised Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (June 2015)
- Consultation on Amendments to the Registration and Fees Rules and Practice Committee Rules (January 2016)
- Consultation on Revised Guidance on Conduct and Ethics for Students (January 2016)

We meet regularly with the Director of Policy and Standards to discuss issues of particular relevance or concern. The HCPC attended our members' meeting in May 2015 and gave a presentation on the review of the HCPC Standards of Education and Training (SETs). The review of the SETs is important for our members and we were pleased to have been invited to sit on the HCPC Professional Liaison Group which will be overseeing this work. We will be advising the review of the SETs to ensure that the high level critical thinking skills required of future health professionals are firmly embedded in all standards.



As part of this, we have advocated moving the threshold for paramedic pre-registration programmes up, at least as a first step, to DipHE or equivalent. The process for how this change might be made is not entirely clear and we will be seeking further information from the HCPC on this in the course of 2016.

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