

March 2022 Regulation Board Meeting

The Regulation Board noted that registrant numbers were increasing. The Higher Specialist Scientist register for experienced and senior level scientists' and Clinical Research Practitioners (CRP) numbers show a steady increase. However, it was noted that during Covid-19, a number of Registrants on some areas of the register were not working due to being furloughed, although some employers are now starting to recruit and reinstate people. This is expected to be reflected in registration numbers.

Following the transfer of RCCP to AHCS (as a wholly owned subsidiary) in June 2021, Task and Finish Groups have collaborated to review the organisations governance structure, workforce/HR, communication, education/training, register/database, legal and financial framework and fitness to practise. Recommendations will be forwarded to the new Management Board for consideration and approval.

The Risk register format was reviewed and discussed and following feedback, it was agreed for the risk registers to be updated this year.

The Regulation Board reviewed and agreed the AHCS' formal response to the DHSC consultation on the criteria for statutory regulation of professionals.

The Regulation Board Chair concluded the meeting, and the CEO thanked the Chair, Patricia Le Rolland on behalf of AHCS and Regulation Board, for her work as Regulation Chair and recognised the significant contribution she has made.