

## Comparative governance – human healthcare sector

<p>Overseen by <b>The Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (PSA)</b>  <a href="https://www.professionalstandards.org.uk/">https://www.professionalstandards.org.uk/</a></p> <p>We protect the public by overseeing the regulation and registration of healthcare professionals. We do this by improving the regulation and registration of people who work in health and social care. Our work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewing the work of the regulators of health and care professionals</li> <li>• Accrediting organisations that register practitioners in unregulated occupations</li> <li>• Giving policy advice to Ministers and others and encouraging research to improve regulation</li> </ul> <p>We apply the principles of right-touch regulation to everything we do.</p>			
Who	What	How	Related (Royal) College
<p><b>Health and Care Professions Council</b>  <a href="https://www.hcpc-uk.org/">https://www.hcpc-uk.org/</a></p> <p>We protect the public by regulating 15 health and care professions in the UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts therapists</li> <li>• Biomedical scientists</li> <li>• Chiropodists / podiatrists</li> <li>• Clinical scientists</li> <li>• Dietitians</li> <li>• Hearing aid dispensers</li> <li>• Occupational therapists</li> <li>• Operating department practitioners</li> <li>• Orthoptists</li> </ul>	<p>Four core functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set standards for professionals' education and training and practice;</li> <li>• approve programmes which professionals must complete to register with us;</li> <li>• keep a register of professionals, known as 'registrants', who meet our standards; and</li> <li>• take action if professionals on our Register do not meet our standards.</li> </ul>	<p>The Council consists of 12 members (made up of 6 registrant and 6 lay members), appointed on behalf of the Privy Council.</p> <p>HCPC also appoints registrants to its Education and Training Committee to contribute to the oversight of the HCPC's work in relation to education, training and registration.</p>	<p>British Association of Art Therapists</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paramedics</li> <li>• Physiotherapists</li> <li>• Practitioner psychologists</li> <li>• Prosthetists / orthotists</li> <li>• Radiographers</li> <li>• Speech and language therapists</li> </ul>			
<p><b>General Optical Council</b>  <a href="https://optical.org/">https://optical.org/</a></p> <p>We are the regulator for the optical professions in the UK.</p> <p>Register around 30,000 optometrists, dispensing opticians, student optometrists and dispensing opticians, and optical businesses.</p>	<p>We protect the public by setting standards for education, training, performance and conduct amongst opticians in the UK.</p> <p>Four core functions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting standards for the performance and conduct of our registrants.</li> <li>• Approving qualifications leading to registration.</li> <li>• Maintaining a register of individuals who are fit to practise or train as optometrists or dispensing opticians, and bodies corporate who are fit to carry on business as optometrists or dispensing opticians.</li> <li>• Investigating and acting where registrants' fitness to practise, train or carry on business may be impaired.</li> </ul>	<p>Council consists of 12 appointed members:  6 lay, 6 registrants (currently has a lay chair)  Vacancies are filled via open appointment campaigns, which are publicly advertised.</p> <p>Appointments to Council take approximately six months to complete.</p> <p><a href="https://optical.org/media/neuce0mc/member-appointments-reappointments-guidance.pdf">https://optical.org/media/neuce0mc/member-appointments-reappointments-guidance.pdf</a></p>	<p>The College of optometrists</p>

<p><b>General Dental Council</b>  <a href="https://www.gdc-uk.org/">https://www.gdc-uk.org/</a></p> <p>The General Dental Council (GDC) is the UK-wide statutory regulator of around 114,000 members of the dental team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical dental technicians.</li> <li>• Dental hygienists.</li> <li>• Dental nurses.</li> <li>• Dental technicians.</li> <li>• Dental therapists.</li> <li>• Orthodontic therapists.</li> </ul>	<p>Our purpose is public protection. That purpose is primarily achieved through the actions of dental professionals in delivering patient care to high clinical and ethical standards.</p> <p>To protect the public, we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set and support high professional standards in dental education and practice.</li> <li>• Maintain a register of dental professionals who meet our standards.</li> <li>• Ensure nobody is added to that register if they do not meet our standards.</li> <li>• Act if any regulated dental professional falls short of our standards.</li> </ul>	<p>The Council is made up of 12 members - six appointed registrants and six appointed lay members.</p> <p>Chair approved by Privy Council.</p>	<p>Royal College of Surgeons – Faculty of Dental Surgery</p>
<p><b>General Medical Council</b>  <a href="https://www.gmc-uk.org/">https://www.gmc-uk.org/</a></p>	<p>We work to protect patient safety and improve medical education and practice across the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• decide which doctors are qualified to work in the UK</li> <li>• oversee UK medical education and training</li> <li>• set the standards doctors need to follow throughout their careers</li> <li>• where necessary, take action to prevent a doctor from putting the safety of patients, or the public's</li> </ul>	<p>Six medical professionals and six members with no medical background. All appointed via an independent process.</p>	<p>Royal College of Surgeons</p> <p>Royal College of Physicians</p> <p>Royal College of Anaesthetists</p> <p>Royal College of GPs</p> <p>Etc...</p>

	confidence in doctors, at risk.		
<p><b>The Nursing and Midwifery Council</b>  <a href="https://www.nmc.org.uk/">https://www.nmc.org.uk/</a></p> <p>We are the independent regulator for nurses and midwives in the UK, and nursing associates in England.</p>	<p>Our core role is to regulate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we promote high education and professional standards for nurses and midwives across the UK, and nursing associates in England.</li> <li>• we maintain the register of professionals eligible to practise.</li> <li>• we investigate concerns about nurses, midwives and nursing associates</li> </ul>	<p>The Council is made up of twelve members: six lay people and six nurses or midwives, from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, all appointed by the Privy Council.</p>	<p>Royal College of Nursing</p> <p>Royal College of Midwives</p>
<p><b>General Osteopathic Council</b>  <a href="https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/home/">https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/home/</a></p> <p>Regulates the practice of osteopathy in the UK.</p> <p>The over-arching objective of the GOsC is the protection of the public.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GOsC keeps the Register of all those permitted to practise osteopathy in the UK.</li> <li>• We work with the public and osteopathic profession to promote patient safety by registering qualified professionals and we set, maintain and develop standards of osteopathic practice and conduct.</li> <li>• We help patients with any concerns or complaints about an osteopath and have the power to remove from the Register any</li> </ul>	<p>Council is made up of five lay members and five osteopath members, all appointed by the Privy Council.</p> <p><a href="https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/about-us/the-organisation/appointments/">https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/about-us/the-organisation/appointments/</a></p>	<p>Institute of Osteopathy</p>

	<p>osteopaths who are unfit to practise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We also assure the quality of osteopathic education and ensure that osteopaths undertake continuing professional development.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>General Pharmaceutical Council</b>  <a href="https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/">https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/</a></p> <p>We regulate pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacies in Great Britain.</p>	<p>It's our role to make sure people receive safe and effective pharmacy care and have trust in pharmacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• promote professionalism within pharmacy</li> <li>• help make sure pharmacists and pharmacy technicians have the appropriate knowledge, attitudes and behaviours</li> <li>• assure the quality of pharmacy, including its safety</li> <li>• support the improvement of pharmacy</li> </ul>	<p>The Council consists of 14 members equally split between registrant members (pharmacists or pharmacy technicians) and lay members.</p> <p>All Council members are appointed and are required to act independently from the government, professionals and all other interest groups.</p> <p>There are no places reserved on the Council for any of the professions regulated by us, or for specific sectors of practice.</p>	<p>Royal Pharmaceutical Society</p>
<p><b>General Chiropractic Council</b>  <a href="https://www.gcc-uk.org/">https://www.gcc-uk.org/</a></p> <p>Regulates chiropractors in the UK, Isle of Man and Gibraltar to ensure the safety of patients undergoing chiropractic treatment.</p>	<p>We are an independent statutory body established by, and accountable to, Parliament to regulate the chiropractic profession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registers chiropractors</li> <li>• Publishes the Code covering the standards of chiropractic practice and professional conduct that</li> </ul>	<p>The Council membership comprises six chiropractors and six lay members.</p> <p>The GCC has four statutory committees which support the work of the Council.</p> <p>Statutory committees are operationally separate from the Council in order to ensure their decision-making is independent.</p> <p>The Investigating Committee (IC) investigates all complaints made against</p>	<p>Royal College of Chiropractors</p>

	<p>all chiropractors must meet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets educational standards for individuals training to become chiropractors</li> <li>• Takes action if a chiropractor fails to meet our standards. We will remove a chiropractor from our register if they are found to be unfit to practise following investigation.</li> </ul>	<p>chiropractors who are registered in the UK, determining whether they have a 'case to answer' and refer the case to the Professional Conduct Committee or the Health Committee.</p>	
<p><b>Social Work England</b>  <a href="https://www.socialworkengland.org.uk/">https://www.socialworkengland.org.uk/</a></p>	<p>Social Work England regulates social workers. We believe in the power of collaboration and share a common goal with those we regulate—to protect the public, enable positive change and ultimately improve people's lives.</p>	<p>Our board is responsible for overseeing Social Work England's regulatory functions.</p>	
<p><b>Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland</b>  <a href="https://www.psnj.org.uk/">https://www.psnj.org.uk/</a></p> <p>The regulatory and professional body for pharmacists in Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>We seek to protect the public by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• setting and promoting standards for pharmacists' admission to the register and for remaining on the register;</li> <li>• maintaining a publicly accessible register of pharmacists, and pharmacy premises, in Northern Ireland;</li> </ul>	<p>The Council consists of up to 14 members, there are positions for 7 registered pharmacists(registrant members) and 7 lay members.</p> <p>Council members are appointed on a competency basis by the DHSSPS for periods of between 2 and 4 years.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• handling concerns about the Fitness to Practise of registrants, acting as a complaints portal and taking action to protect the public; and</li><li>• ensuring high standards of education and training for pharmacists in Northern Ireland</li></ul>		
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