

April 2024 Regulation Board Meeting Summary

The Regulation Board met in person with observers from the Professional Standards Authority (PSA) observing online, as part of their quality assurance role. The Board were informed that unofficial feedback from the PSA, following its renewal assessment of the AHCS registers, is that this will be renewed without conditions. The Board acknowledged all the hard work that had gone into preparing the submission and thanked the AHCS team. The Board received an update on registrations and noted these remained steady. There are six current Fitness to Practise cases, with seven closed since January 2024 and one new case since January 2024. The Board received the results of an audit of regulatory administrative functions, which provided assurance that processes were being followed and that any deviations to this were being picked up and addressed. All AHCS staff have now received Fitness to Practice training, using the new Fitness to Practice policies. The Regulation Board received an abbreviated summary of the training and had the opportunity to ask questions and be assured of the process, in particular the time needed for each of the stages in the process. The Board spent some time in an informal session discussing CPD requirements and the benefits/drawbacks of this approach as opposed to a revalidation model used by some of the statutory regulators (such as the NMC). No immediate changes to the current CPD model were suggested but the Board agreed that further discussion would be useful at a future meeting.