

May 2025 Regulation Board Meeting Summary

The Regulation Board met in person in London. The CEO updated the board on various issues, including ongoing conversations around statutory regulation for Healthcare Scientists. A key current piece of work is a review of the equivalence process for STP and how increasing digitalisation could help speed up the process.

The Registrar's report was discussed. It was noted that the PSA annual review of the AHCS accredited voluntary register had concluded, with all standards met and no recommendations, a very good outcome for AHCS. CPD audits are underway for HCS Practitioners and Clinical Research Practitioners. The Registrar presented a review of those on the Register who are in private practice, part of a PSA recommendation to see if these registrants presented any additional risks and, if so, how these could be mitigated. An update on Fitness to Practice cases was given, with 6 current cases, 1 case closed since February 2025 and 2 new cases since February 2025.

The current information regarding the use of AI in regulation was discussed, which includes the published statement on AI. A working group has been convened and will report back to the Regulation Board,

Reports were received from the Education and Training Committee. The new President Elect of AHCS, Prof. Chris Hopkins, joined the meeting briefly to introduce himself and share some future thoughts and plans for the Professional Bodies Council.