

August 2025 Regulation Board Meeting Summary

The Regulation Board met online. The Chair welcomed the two new associate members of the Regulation Board, Charlene Kearney and Ansel Godinho. The Board were advised that although only one associate member had been sought it had been decided following the interviews to appoint two, acknowledging the different experiences and skills that Charlene and Ansel could bring to the Board.

The CEO updated the board on various issues, including the HCS Leadership Journal and Vox, which can be accessed via the AHCS website. An update was given regarding meetings with the CSOs in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to discuss regulation, specifically areas like Audiology. It was reported that the Professional Bodies Council (PBC) is looking to improve four country representation, with a view to appointing a representative from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and England to sit on the PBC. It was also noted that the PBC Terms of Reference are currently being updated. It was reported that the AHCS Chair will be retiring in 2026 and advertisement for a new Chair will begin in October 2025.

The Registrar's report was discussed. There are 8 current Fitness to Practise cases with 2 cases closed and 4 new cases since May 2025. The origin of cases was discussed, with the majority of the referrals coming from employers. Ongoing areas of work were reported, including international registration, private practise guidelines and CPD process review. Later in the committee the board approved proposed minor changes to policies relating to Fitness to Practise.

Reports were received from the Education and Training Committee. It was reported that a new digitalised equivalence process is in development, which will make the application process easier and quicker for applicants and administrators/assessors.