

May 2026 Regulation Board Meeting Summary

The Regulation Board met in person. The CEO gave an update on various items, including Board appointments and retirements. Professor Dean Fathers, the new AHCS Chair is now in post, and Joy Tweed has been appointed vice-chair. Progression towards Royal Academy status was discussed along with an update on discussions with PSA and others re: assessing risk of different specialisms within healthcare science, including audiologists and clinical technologists, which may lead to recommendations for statutory regulation. The Board discussed this and other possible future policy developments that may impact on professional regulation.

The Registrar's report was discussed. There are 10 current Fitness to Practise cases, 3 cases closed since February 2026 and 4 new cases since then. The Regulation Board were provided with an update on the constitution of the pool of FTP Panel Chairs and Members, including new appointments in the last year. The PSA have confirmed the AHCS 2026 submission was compliant with the standards and no concerns were noted. Preparation has begun for the AHCS three-year accreditation due in January 2027, which will be against the new standards. New Private Practise Guidelines have been issued and a new document 'Working within Boundaries' is undergoing final changes prior to issue.

The Regulation Board then discussed the current process for publicising FTP Decisions and CPD decisions, where the issue was a failure to submit rather than a failure to meet requirements. It was agreed that it would be beneficial for greater information to be published regarding FTP decisions and that this should be in a summary form. It was also proposed that where Registrants fail to submit evidence of CPD then this is a different issue and should be recorded separate to publication of FTP decisions.

Reports were received from the Education and Training Committee. This included correspondence with HCPC on the equivalence process. This had been positive and a formal report was expected early June.

The Regulation Board received a presentation on the use of AI in regulation.