2017*
Key stats for the year

professional standards authority

Protecting the public

We help to protect the public by improving the regulation and registration of people who work in health and care.

REVIEWING THE REGULATORS

Scrutinising final fitness to practise decisions

Reviewing how the regulators are meeting the Standards

Consulting on a review of the Standards of Good Regulation

Scrutinising final fitness to practise decisions

3,204 final fitness to practise panel decisions checked

177 detailed case reviews undertaken

6 fitness to practise decisions appealed

25 case meetings held

Reviewing how the regulators are meeting the Standards of Good Regulation

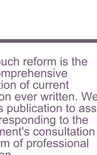
5 Performance reviews published for:

- General Chiropractic Council
- General Dental Council
- General Osteopathic Council
- Health and Care Professions Council
- General Pharmaceutical Council

Consulting on the Standards of Good Regulation

Are our Standards due for an update? We consulted to find out if they are measuring the right things in the right way.

Responses received



9 Regulators **11** Organisations **11** Individuals

IMPROVING REGULATION

What evidence is there that regulation works?

This is the question we asked five years ago.

Since then we have been seeking to answer it by:

- Informing policy
- Carrying out and commissioning research
- Collaborating and cooperating with key stakeholders

Informing policy

Right-touch reform - a new framework for assurance of professions

Right-touch reform is the most comprehensive description of current regulation ever written. We timed its publication to assist people responding to the government's consultation on reform of professional regulation.

Collaborating and cooperating with key stakeholders

1 Fitness to Practise seminar	**We brought together staff responsible for investigating and adjudicating fitness to practise cases from each of the nine regulators to look at 'thresholds and seriousness'.**
1 Learning points digest	**We sent out a digest of learning points designed to assist fitness to practise panels in future cases and help improve regulators' processes and procedures. Our first digest circulated last October focused on the quality and level of detail in determinations.**

4 RESEARCH PAPERS

- A typology of dishonesty - illustrations using the fitness to practise database
- Professional identity and regulation
- Bad apples? Bad barrels? Or bad cellars? Professional misconduct in UK health and care
- Categorisation of fitness to practise data

Carrying out and commissioning research

ACCREDITED REGISTERS

Accredited Registers	Practitioners	Occupations
24	80,000	31

Improving standards for accredited registers

Before they are accredited, all registers have to demonstrate how they meet our demanding Standards – only then can they display our registered quality mark (and they have to continue to prove they are maintaining these Standards for their yearly re-accreditation).

- **1** new register accredited
- **23** registers re-applied for accreditation
- **9** conditions issued
- **27** instructions issued

These statistics relate to the calendar year 2017. Assessments for re-accreditation are ongoing so these statistics will be subject to change.

Untapped resources

Our joint report highlighting the accredited registers' 80,000-strong workforce an 'untapped resource' to tackle public health challenges.

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NEW

Making it easier to check and choose a practitioner

To help public protection, we developed our new-look search tool. 'Check a practitioner' means that you can check if your health or care practitioner is regulated or registered with an accredited register.

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*These statistics relate to the current financial year so from 1 April 2017-31 December 2017.