

Accredited Registers Programme

Notification of Change

Summary of proposed changes

Notification of change from: [Federation of Holistic Therapists](#) (FHT)

Once accredited any relevant changes that a register wishes to make will need to be assessed by the Authority to ensure ongoing compliance with the Standards. Part of this assessment includes a review of information received from anyone sharing their experience. Below is a summary of the proposed changes for consideration.

<p>Summary of Proposed Changes</p>	<p>FHT are proposing to add Acupuncture as a new modality to its register.</p> <p>FHT registers practitioners of complementary healthcare therapies. Practitioners must meet FHT's standards and practise in one or more complementary healthcare therapies to be included on the FHT Complementary Healthcare Therapist Register, which is accredited by the Professional Standards Authority.</p> <p>FHT states that 'an acupuncturist is a healthcare professional who takes a holistic approach to the maintenance of health and the management of disease, with a focus on improving overall wellbeing.'</p> <p>Acupuncture practitioners will apply for registration with the FHT in the same manner as other practitioners, adhering to its Code of Conduct and Professional Practice. Complaints against Acupuncture practitioners will be managed under the existing complaints procedure applying to all FHT registrants.</p> <p>FHT stated that in order to be registered, practitioners will need to have qualifications that meet or exceed the World Health Organisations standards and guidelines for acupuncture. This requires non-medically trained people to complete a course with 2500 hours with at least 1000 hours of practical work. FHT intends to allow registrants with a Degree (or equivalent) who have studied for a minimum of three years to appear on the register.</p> <p>FHT has assessed the risks associated with Acupuncture and does not consider that there are specific risks posed to the public not covered by its existing risk assessment for other complementary therapies already on its register. If you are aware</p>
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	of any specific risks associated with acupuncture please do let the Authority know.
Main standards which may be affected	Standards 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10
Proposed Timescales	FHT would like to make these changes as soon as possible.