

# Annual Report: The year in stats 2015/16



We oversee nine health and care professional regulators



General Chiropractic Council



General Dental Council



General Medical Council



General Optical Council



General Osteopathic Council



Health & Care Professions Council



Nursing & Midwifery Council



General Pharmaceutical Council

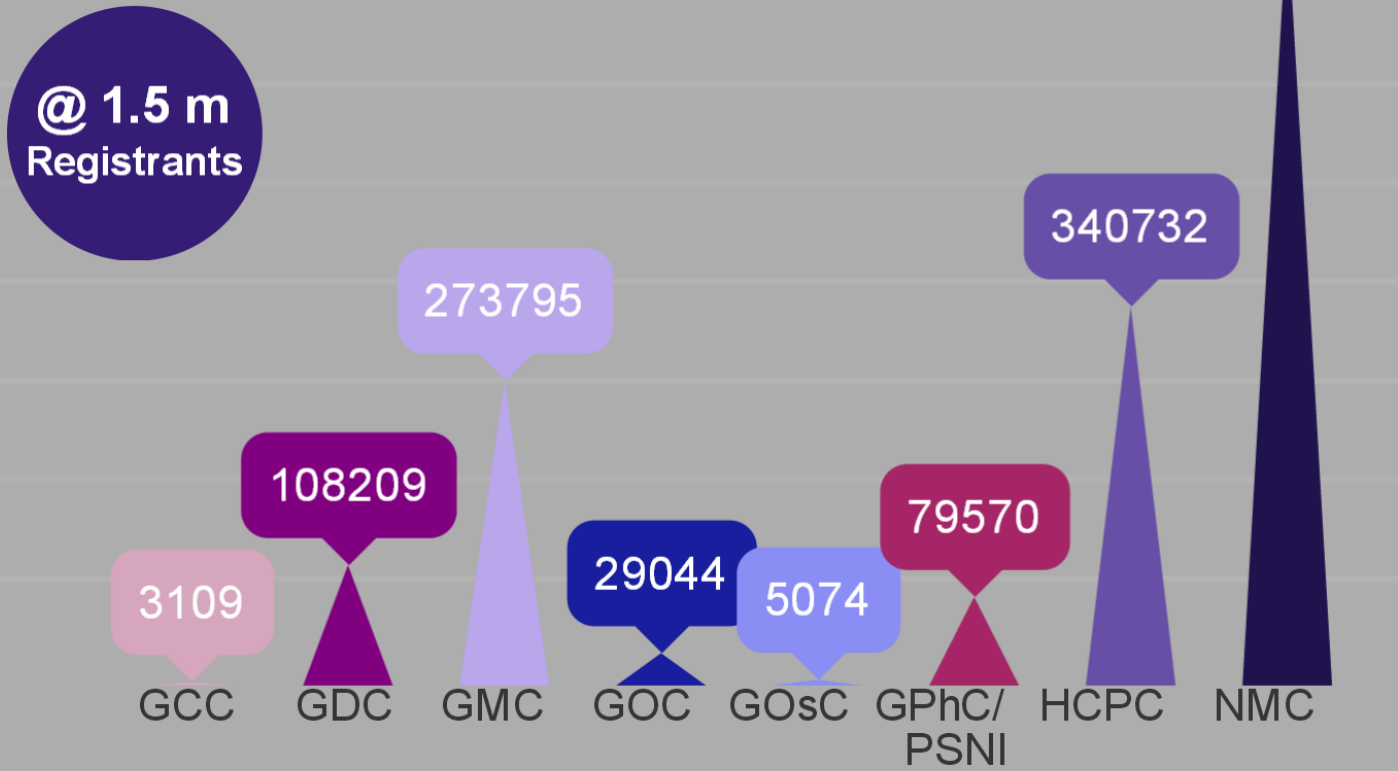


Pharmaceutical Society Northern Ireland



Find a regulator on our website

Number of registrants per health and social care regulator



## Regulation and registration of health and care occupations: Points of interest during 2015/16

### Regulators

- An issue that cropped up frequently in our Court referrals is how the regulators' FtP panels investigate and present cases involving dishonesty
- The GMC and NMC issued joint guidance to their registrants on 'duty of candour'. Eight of the nine regulators published a joint statement on the duty and HCPC revised its standards and also clarified the duty's importance to its registrants
- All nine regulators have started to undertake activities to assure the continuing fitness to practise of their registrants. This includes developing/revising their continuing professional development schemes

### Accredited registers

- Every register accredited to date has applied to renew; some registers have now renewed three times
- We apply five principles to the operation of the programme and our standards cover 11 areas
- Registers have made improvements during the year, including raising education standards, working collaboratively, improving their websites

### Policy and research

- In Summer 2015, we published 'Rethinking regulation'. It received considerable attention both at home and abroad and has set a framework for a different kind of debate about regulation
- Published a revised version of 'Right-touch regulation'
- We commissioned research on public and professional attitudes towards dishonesty
- We now have more than 95 academic contacts and held our third academic and research conference
- We responded to 26 consultations

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