

2019/2020 YEAR in stats

What we have achieved

#1

An overview of what we do

- The oversight of 10 statutory bodies that regulate health and social care professionals in the UK
- The accreditation of the registers held by non-statutory registering bodies of health and care professionals
- The provision of commissions to, and undertaking investigations for, government
- The provision of advice to other similar organisations in the UK and overseas

Number of registrants per health and social care professional regulator



#2

Performance Reviews

- New standards of good regulation
- 11 performance reviews published
- 1 new statutory regulator

This year we piloted our new Standards of Good Regulation. Assessments against these Standards began in January 2020.

Our regulator reviews published this year demonstrate that the regulators continue to protect the public - meeting most of our Standards of Good Regulation. Where regulators do not meet a Standard, it usually relates to their fitness to practise processes.

Social Work England became operational from 2 December 2019. We worked with HCPC and SWE to ensure the smooth operation and transfer of oversight of social workers in England from HCPC to SWE. We have been having discussions with SWE to familiarise ourselves with their processes and ensure that they are prepared for the performance review process.

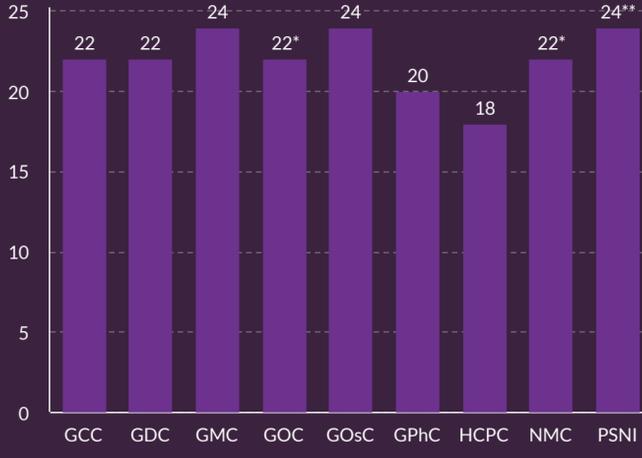
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Standards met by regulators

*Published after the end of financial year 2019/20

**PSNI report is for 2017/18

SWE began operation on 2 December 2019 so its first performance review will begin December 2020



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Scrutinising panel decisions

- 2,783 final fitness to practise decisions scrutinised
- Referred 21 cases to court
- 147 detailed case reviews

Although we have seen a decrease in the number of Fitness to Practise cases reviewed in 2019/20, we have seen an increase in the number of cases referred to Court when compared to the previous year.



#5

Accrediting registers

- 26 registers
- 89,000 practitioners
- Covering 55 occupations

The International Federation of Aromatherapists became the latest register to gain our Quality Mark.

Social media campaigns to raise awareness of the importance of choosing healthcare providers on an Accredited Register.

Made recommendations to Accredited Registers to strengthen their assurance, and issued Conditions on their accreditation where one or more of our Standards for Accreditation weren't met.

Presentations delivered at different events and met with several stakeholders during the year to raise awareness about the programme.

Raised awareness of the need for accredited registers to be able to undertake more safeguarding checks to strengthen the protection Accredited Registers can offer.

#6

Improving regulation

- Contributed to the CLEAR conferences in Vancouver and Minneapolis, and the IAMRA conference in Chicago
- 15 blogs on our website
- Responded to 30 public consultations or requests for an opinion

Sexual misconduct in health and social care: understanding types of abuse and perpetrators' moral mindsets

by Professor Rosalind Searle, University of Glasgow.

The role of patients and service users in ensuring the safety of the care they receive

Consumer research that had been commissioned from Research Works.

From public hearings to consensual disposal - insights from decision-making literature

Commissioned from Dr Paul Sanderson to contribute to ongoing work on the reform of FtP processes.

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Advice to other organisations

- We shares insights at our:
 - Academic and Research conference
 - Symposium
 - Futurology seminar
 - Cardiff seminar
 - Scotland seminar

How is public confidence maintained when fitness to practise decisions are made?

Developing a methodology to assess the consistency of fitness to practise

Two reports published, one by ourselves and one commissioned from UCL, resulting from the Williams Review into gross negligence manslaughter in healthcare.

Right-touch assurance for sonographers based on risk of harm arising from practise

Health Education England asked us to use our right-touch assurance tool to assess the role of sonographers.

A review conducted for the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association

The SRNA had asked us to review their complaints, investigation and discipline work against our Standards of Good Regulation.



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