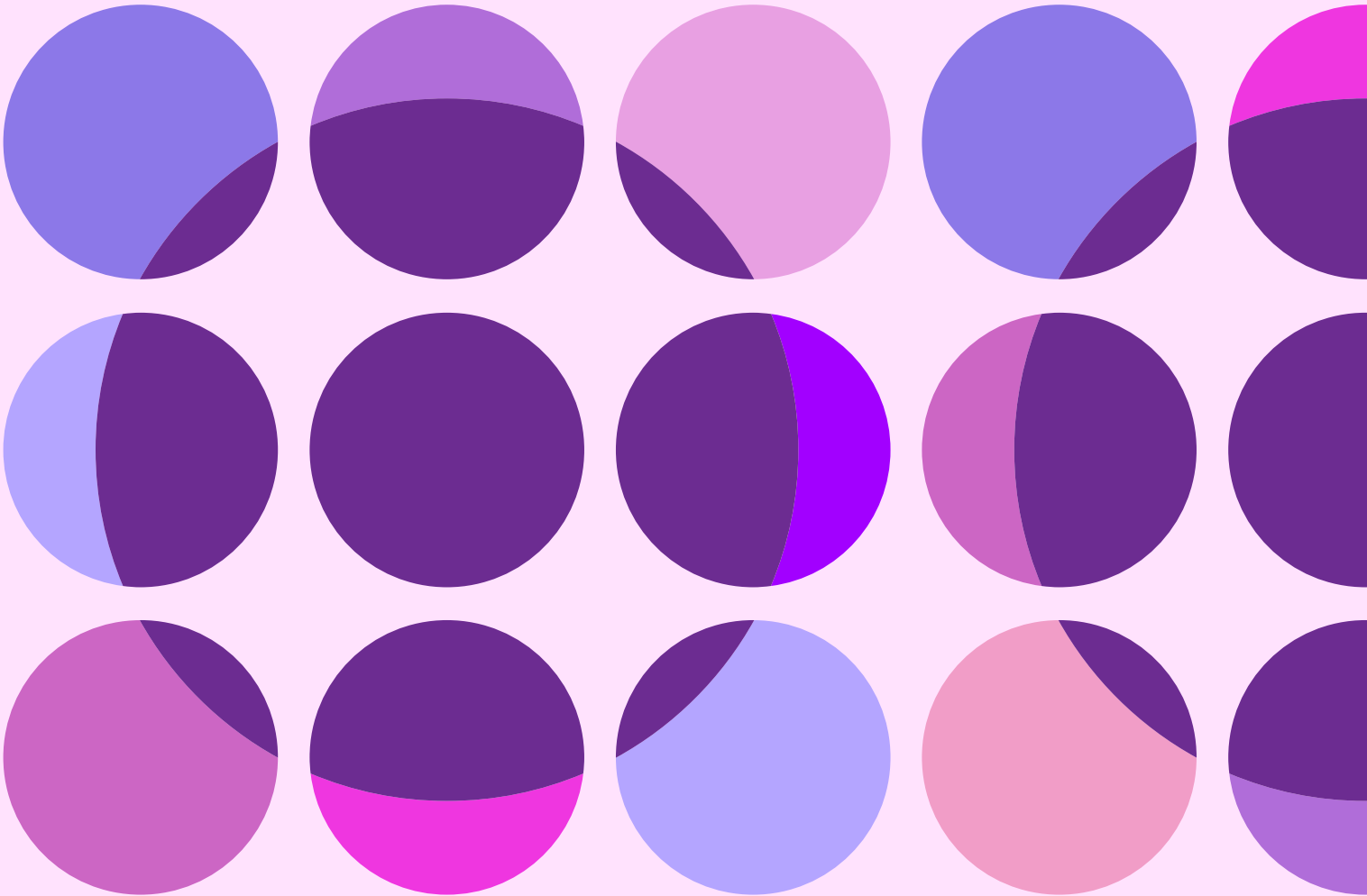


Accredited Registers

Business Plan

2026/27



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The Accredited Registers programme provides oversight for registers of practitioners not required to be registered by law

The Accredited Registers programme is run by the Professional Standards Authority (PSA). The legislation underpinning our powers to accredit registers is set out within the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002¹.

1. Our plans 2026/27

1.1 The PSA's overarching strategic objectives for 2026/29 are:

- **Strategic aim 1:** To protect the public by delivering highly effective oversight of regulation and registration
- **Strategic aim 2:** To drive improvements in regulation and registration in health and social care
- **Strategic aim 3:** To work with others to make the overall system of healthcare regulation more cohesive, supportive and preventive

1.2 2026/27 is a critical year for growth, maturation and promotion of the Accredited Registers programme as we:

- implement revised Standards for Accredited Registers,
- apply revised operational processes that better target our scrutiny to where it is needed most,
- consider applications from registers that may cause a step change in scale and impact of the programme, and
- work in collaboration with Accredited Registers and other partners to enhance the protections that the programme provides.

2. Strategic priorities

2.1 Our high-level strategic objectives are set in the PSA's Strategic Plan 2026-29². For 2026/27 these include:

¹ www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2002/17/contents

² [Strategic Plan 2026-2029](#)

Strategic Aim 1: To protect the public by delivering highly effective oversight of regulation and registration

2.2 In 2026/27, we will:

- transition all applications for accreditation to the revised Standards for Accredited Registers
- commence our assessments of current Accredited Registers against the revised Standards for Accredited Registers
- support prospective and current Accredited Registers to adapt to the revised Standards through engagement and the publication of new guidance
- take an increasingly risk-based approach to assessments to focus our resources where they can make the greatest impact to public protection

2.3 By the end of 2026/27 we will have confirmed the continued accreditation of all current Accredited Registers against the revised Standards.

Strategic aim 2: To drive improvements in regulation and registration in health and social care

2.4 In 2026/27, we will:

- use our assessment processes to set recommendations for revised standards that place enhanced expectations on current Accredited Registers
- make the most of new data that we will collect as part of our assessments to generate useful and shareable insights to support improvement in registration
- consider applications from registers for unregulated practitioner groups to increase the coverage that the Accredited Registers provides
- working with accredited registers, and investing back into the programme, develop a new registrant search tool for all accredited registers to improve access to and recognition of the benefits of the programme

Strategic aim 3: To work with others to make the overall system of healthcare regulation more cohesive, supportive and preventive

2.5 In 2026/27, we will

- working with the Accredited Registers Collaborative and individual Accredited Registers co-ordinate our activities to grow, mature and promote the Accredited Registers programme
- Highlight the legislative reform required to enhance the protections that the Accredited Registers and the programme as a whole can provide
- Promote the programme through campaigns, with continued dedication of 10% of income from fees charged to Accredited Registers to communications and engagement activities targeted at registrants, members of the public and employers and commissioners of registrants
- Support wider PSA work to improve workplace cultures which support registrant wellbeing, learning, continuous improvement and the prevention of harm

3. How we will use our resources in 2026/27

3.1 Financial stability for the Accredited Registers programme remains a core objective.

3.2 Our work to realign the assessment schedule in 2025/26 means that although we

previously anticipated the necessity of making a temporary increase to headcount to manage a three-year cyclical peak in assessments, we have been able avoid this demand on the AR budget and headcount in 2026/27.

- 3.3 As a result, the headcount for 2026/27 will remain stable, comprising of 1 Head of Accreditation and 4 Accreditation Officers.
- 3.4 The fee model for 2026/27 will remain the same, however. we will be increasing all but one of our fees in line with inflation (3%). The exception to this is the fee cap, which will increase by 7% in line with our aim to reduce the impact of our fee increases on smaller Accredited Registers and to better attribute costs to the larger registers. These fees for 2026/27 will be:
- Standard One / Notification of change fee: £1,470 (an increase of £42.18)
 - Full application fee: £15,602 (an increase of £454.14)
 - Base fee: £ 11,873 (an increase of £346.00)
 - Per registrant fee: £6.45 (and increase of £0.19)
 - Fee cap £74,300 (an increase of £4,861.28)
- 3.5 Any surplus at the end of the financial year from additional income, such as from new applications or notifications of change, is set aside in the PSA's unrestricted reserves. Any additional reserves may be reinvested back into the programme, for example through additional resource or by investment in specific areas such as communications or research.

4. Income and expenditure

- 4.1 The Accredited Registers programme is financially separate from the rest of the PSA's regulatory functions. The overriding principle is that all costs incurred by the programme must be met by the fees. The table below sets out our budget from 2022/23 to 2025/26 and, and a forecast for 2026/27. The assumptions underpinning future operating income are based on the numbers of current Accredited Registers. Costs of new applications are recovered prior to any assessment process commencing and do not fall upon the existing Accredited Registers.

	2022/23 £'000	2023/24 £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000
Operating costs	(519)	(664)	(609)	(730)	(791)
Operating income	578	671	691	759	798
Net operating (costs)/income	59	7	82	29	7

5. How we will measure our performance

5.1 We will monitor performance against the key performance indicators (KPIs) below. KPIs will be reported to the Scrutiny Committee and the PSA's Board at its regular meetings through the Executive Report.

- 90% of Registers have a full assessment within the agreed cycle.
- 90% of decisions about the annual check within one year of the previous assessment.
- 95% of Conditions are reviewed within two months of when they were due.
- 100% of targeted reviews are completed within three months of the date initiated.
- 90% of our provisional decisions on the eligibility and public interest test that have been through the pre-application stage are completed within four months.
- 90% of decisions about full accreditation (Standards 2-9) are made within eight months of receipt.