

Reviewing the regulators 2025/2026

Performance Reviews: key statistics



10

performance
review reports
published



7

regulators did not
meet Standard
15 on fitness to
practise timeliness



8

regulators
met at least
16 out of 18
Standards



3

regulators
met all
standards

Reviewing the regulators: equality, diversity and inclusion

2

publications

May 2025

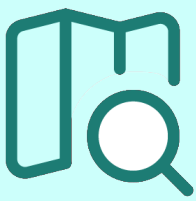
*Evaluation of our new
approach to assessing
regulators against our
Equality, Diversity &
Inclusion Standard*

July 2025

*Lessons from meeting
our EDI Standard for
regulators - good
practice guide*

Appointments

15



Appointments
processes across
seven regulators
were reviewed for
the Privy Council plus 1
Appointments Seminar
held in October 2025.

Concerns

484

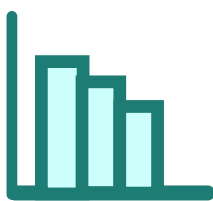


Concerns
about
regulators were
received in 2025/26,
more than usual and
largely related to fitness
to practise processes.

Performance reviews: further findings



PSNI improved
from meeting 11
Standards to 14 in its
most recent review



NMC met 9 out of
18 Standards down
from 11 in previous
review (published in
May 2026)



NMC Independent
Oversight Group met
7 times (the PSA is
the Secretariat)

Other points to note during 2025/26



- General Medical Council - doctors subject to overseas regulatory action: we became aware that doctors who had restrictions on their practice overseas were allowed to practise without restriction in the UK- we will continue to monitor closely with the GMC.
- We used our escalation powers 6 times to escalate our concerns to government and Parliament about regulators' performance, including fitness to practise timeliness.

Our process



Our oversight does not stop when we publish our reports. It is an ongoing, continuous process and, where we have identified areas for improvement, we pay particular attention to these as we continue to monitor the regulator's performance.

Our new set of combined Standards, published in March 2026, place greater emphasis on governance, professional suitability and collaboration and came into effect from 1 July 2026.

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www.professionalstandards.org.uk/performance-reviews-explained