

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT****1 Amendments to the Registration Rules**

1.1 The General Chiropractic Council (Registration) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2009 will come into force on 1 September. A copy is attached as Appendix A to this paper. The affects are as follows

- removal of the various forms of application
- removal of the exemption from payment of the annual retention fee for registrants who are subject to investigation, proceedings or suspension
- removal of the £75 fee for change of registered address

**2 Appointment of medical assessor**

2.1 By means of written resolutions in July 2009, Council agreed to appoint Paul Dedman and Lachlan Campbell as medical assessors under the provisions of section 28(1) of the Chiropractors Act 1994.

**3 Co-opted members of the Investigating Committee**

3.1 By means of a written resolution in July 2009, Council agreed to co-opt the following individuals as members of the Investigating Committee under the provisions of rule 11 of the General Chiropractic Council (Constitution of the Statutory Committee) Rules 2009

- Aaron Coode (chiropractor)
- Amanda Jones-Harris (chiropractor)
- Helen Kitchen (lay)

**4 Arrangements for Autumn briefing events**

4.1 All registrants have been contacted direct to invite them to identify which of the seven events listed below they wish to attend. They have also been told that patients and members of the public (including clinic staff) are welcome. A similar invitation has been issued to the Chiropractic Patients' Association, the College of Chiropractors Lay Partnership Group, lay members of the Communications Advisory Group and chiropractic students. Details of the level of interest will be provided at the meeting.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Tuesday 22nd September	Park Plaza Hotel, Belfast
Tuesday 6th October	NEC, Birmingham
Thursday 15th October	Quality Hotel, Edinburgh Airport
Wednesday 21st October	GCC Offices, London
Tuesday 3rd November	University of Glamorgan, Pontypridd
Wednesday 4th November	The Carriageworks, Leeds
Thursday 12th November	Chine Hotel, Bournemouth

- 4.2 The Chair and two members of Council, plus the Chief Executive, will attend each event.

**5 CHRE report to government on shared functions**

- 5.1 Earlier this year CHRE was commissioned to advise the Secretary of State to explore the desire of regulators to share functions. A copy of CHRE's response is attached as Appendix B to this paper. Members will note that CHRE sympathised with the GCC view that shared functions were those deemed as 'back room' in office terms and therefore outside of the regulatory remit.

- 5.2 In the absence of a clear definition of what constitutes a function, CHRE was unable to provide a conclusive answer in its response to this commission.

**6 CHRE request for information re healthcare for people with disabilities**

- 6.1 CHRE notified us on 21 July that it had been commissioned to advise the Secretary of State on actions being taken by health professional regulators to ensure that people with disabilities receive high quality and personalised healthcare from their registrants. CHRE will take into account regulators' work on standards and guidance, and fitness to practise, as well as education and training.

- 6.2 In particular, CHRE asked regulators for their response to the following recommendation contained in Sir Jonathan Michael's 2008 inquiry into access to healthcare for people with learning disabilities

*Those with responsibility for the provision and regulation of undergraduate and postgraduate clinical training must ensure that curricula include mandatory training in learning disabilities. It should be competence based and involve people with learning disabilities and their carers in providing training.*

- 6.3 A copy of the GCC response is attached as Appendix C to this paper.

**7 Systems upgrade/integration**

- 7.1 Thanks to the well-informed and extensive contributions of our Business Manager and the Executive Officer (Registration), we are well on the way to the development of a new IT system that incorporates an enhanced register database, case management system for FtP cases, management of GCC events and secure on-line access to the system.

- 7.2 The on-line access will allow registrants to update CPD records, set up direct debits, amend personal details such as practice addresses and eventually enable on-line application for retention of registration in 2011.

- 7.3 Work is on schedule to test and implement the first phase, which is the enhanced register database.