



# **GCC Newsletter**

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**Welcome to the August 2017 edition of the General Chiropractic Council's Newsletter, updating you on the Council's latest activities.**

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## **CPD**

We have now completed our first check of all registrants' 2015/16 CPD record summaries. From this we have produced a set of learning points that we hope will aid registrants in completing CPD summaries. You can find these learning points on our website [here](#).

We are currently following up on requests we have previously made for further information about CPD record summaries. If you have received a request from us for further information and haven't yet replied, please do so as promptly as you can, as time is running out.

While we have found checking all registrants' CPD summaries to be a useful exercise, we do not have the resources to do it every year. For 2016/17 we will be checking approximately 10% of registrants' CPD. If you have just completed your first year of CPD, your 2016/17 CPD record summary will definitely be audited. This is so that we can help you identify and resolve any issues with recording your CPD at an early stage in your professional career. Other registrants' CPD summaries will be selected for audit on a random basis. We do not plan to notify selected registrants in advance, but will email those involved either to confirm that their CPD summaries meet the CPD requirements, to provide feedback, or to ask for additional information.

## **CPD summaries from the Royal College of Chiropractors**

Our IT developers are busy working on an upgrade which will enable registrants to upload a pdf of the Royal College of Chiropractors (RCC) CPD summary to our website so that the information doesn't have to be re-entered. There will also be an option to upload evidence to the website. We will email all registrants to let them know when this option is available.

## **IR(ME)R survey**

We would like to thank the 524 registrants who completed our IR(ME)R survey earlier in the year for their participation. We have shared the results with the Care Quality Commission and have produced an overview of the results which can be found [here](#) on our website.

## **Indemnity Arrangements**

We have not requested registrants' indemnity details for the year because we are currently awaiting the completion of an IT development which will enable registrants to update their details online and also provide notification for renewal. We will be emailing all registrants once this is available.

## Conflicts of Interest

The GCC has joined eight other regulators in signing a joint statement on how to manage conflicts of interests. Conflicts of interests can arise where someone's judgement may be influenced, or perceived to be influenced, by a personal, financial or other interest.

Please read and reflect on this statement, which is available on our website at <http://www.gcc-uk.org/good-practice/conflict-of-interest/>. You can also find a series of case studies which have been developed to illustrate examples of conflicts of interests. We trust that this work will prove useful, given the increasing number of chiropractors working in multidisciplinary teams and environments.

The statement should be read alongside [The Code](#).

## Advertising Guidance

In the autumn we are expecting the ASA to publish some new guidance about marketing of chiropractic services for treatment of sciatica, whiplash, 'sports injuries', pregnant women, children and babies. The new guidance is under development, following evidence submitted to the ASA by the British Chiropractic Association. The GCC has met with the ASA (and Committee on Advertising Practice) to share information about the two organisations' complaints and investigations procedures. We are reviewing our own Guidance about advertising, in light of the new guidance we expect the ASA to publish in the autumn.

## Conviction notifications

As you are aware, registrants are obliged to notify the GCC of any conviction, caution, reprimand, warning etc. within 7 days. We explained in a recent newsletter that we have been working on a new notification form for registrants to use in those circumstances. That form is now available and can be found on our website [here](#).

## Professional Standards Authority (PSA) review of the GCC – 2016/17

On 25 August the PSA published its annual review of our performance as a regulator for the period from 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017. A copy of the report can be found on our website [here](#). The PSA report said we have maintained the improvement in performance recorded in the previous year's review and that we had met 23 out of 24 of the Standards of Good Regulation. The report also noted we are taking action to improve performance against the one Standard that was not met.

## Changes to our website

We have added a new '[How we work](#)' section to our website which sets out the structure of the GCC and provides a link to the core documents that explain how the GCC works (the "Governance Manual"). We have also added a new '[About Chiropractic](#)' section to the website, to introduce any potential chiropractic patients (or other members of the public) to what chiropractic is and to the role of the regulator.

## Review of the Standards of Good Regulation

The PSA is seeking views about changes it plans to make to the Standards of Good Regulation. If you want to have a say about the standards the GCC (and other regulators) should be required to meet in future, you can find further information about the consultation by clicking [this link](#).

## Registration summary

On 1st August 2017 we regulated 3,302 chiropractors.

