

It has often been stated that this is going to happen and hopefully this update will make it real for all practitioners in the field of Clinical Physiology.

We will all be entering a new pay system soon via Agenda for Change where all State Registered practitioners appear at first glance to be on a similar pay band. We will therefore all want to be recognised as registerable independent practitioners within Clinical Physiology. It will certainly be a lot easier for those of us who are on the voluntary register to simply transfer to the State Register.

In particular can I make another plea for those of you who need to enter the register via the grandparenting route to do so now. It will save you both money and stress as the HPC system will be both more complex and more expensive.

Do not be put off by other members within Clinical Physiology who might discourage you. Each application is made in the strictest confidence, judged on its merit and I want to emphasise we want to be inclusive not exclusive.

Anne Burge
Hon. Chair of RCCP
10.6.03

The RCCP Council would like to extend its thanks, on your behalf, to Anne Burge who has worked tirelessly in order to prepare the submission for the HPC. Anne has given her time unstintingly not only throughout her Bank Holidays but also at weekends and late into many evenings. Without her vision, drive commitment and enthusiasm we would have struggled to produce the very professional document which has now been submitted.

The work is by no means over, but we think it appropriate at this time to thank Anne publicly for her work above and beyond the demands of Chairmanship of RCCP.

Department of Health Meeting: State Registration of Health Care Science Groups.

The Department of Health (DoH) called a meeting of all aspirant groups within health care science and invited members of Health Professions Council (HPC) to attend. The purpose of this was two-fold:

1. to inform all groups of the process for statutory regulation for Health Care Science (HCS) groups
2. to ascertain the state of readiness of each group to present a petition to HPC.

DoH & HPC made it clear HCS will need to be regulated in a large group and that further work would be needed to determine what shape this will take. All 18 aspirant groups including RCCP were invited to make presentations to demonstrate their state of readiness for regulation.

The DoH outlined current plans for regulation of new groups. Public consultation is planned and parliamentary time is now in place to enable 2 new groups to be regulated next year (2004), the Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs) and Clinical Psychologists. *(Both of these groups have recently been successful in petitioning HPC and are awaiting the necessary legislation to be put in place by the DoH).* The 3rd group will be HCS (the parliamentary time is already in place for this) and this, we have been told, will happen by **1st January 2005.** Each aspirant group within HCS will be required to put together a petition demonstrating they meet the HPC criteria in exactly the same way as ODPs and Psychologists.

Following this process we were informed by the DoH that RCCP were one of the 3 groups presently ready to progress to the next stage and further meetings have since been held with both DoH and HPC.

PETITION

To meet the October deadline members of Council, representing all disciplines, faced a frantic 5 weeks putting together the petition, to demonstrate that we meet the criteria set by HPC. I can't emphasize enough what hard work this has been and how grateful we should all be to members of Council [and members of all the Professional Bodies RCCP represents] for their dedication in collecting all the evidence and information required of them on our behalf. This process was helped considerably by several bank holidays being interspaced during this time which were, of necessity, donated to the cause. Having achieved our objective we delivered the petition to HPC on Monday 2nd June.

We now also have a date at which this will be presented to an HPC Council meeting. That is **8th October 2003.** The decision as to whether we are successful with our bid should be made at the meeting.

To all registrants

Thank-you

From the
Registration Council for
Clinical Physiologists

Your support is about to count!

The Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists Update – June 2003

I promised in February to update you all with our progress and I am going to start from where we left off

Next Steps (February '03)	Action
RCCP to make the case for Statutory Regulation of Clinical Physiologists on receipt of the new documentation from HPC	✓ Petition for SR delivered to HPC *
* RCCP Petition to be heard at HPC meeting October 2003	
Ballot practitioners in Clinical Physiology	✓ 2783 Yes 8 No
Encourage potential registrants to apply to RCCP	✓ 8 % increase
Continue to operate the voluntary register until we have successfully achieved State Registration	✓ Ongoing
Encourage the development, support and monitoring of the new accredited Clinical Physiology and Audiology BSc (Hons) degrees	✓ 5 new providers accredited 4 new providers in process
Carry out activities such as promotion of State Registration	✓ Ongoing
ALL PRACTITIONERS –need to participate in these activities as far as possible	✓ CP's writing to MPs etc. to enlist support for public consultation process