

Date of meeting:	<b>20 July 2023</b>	<b>via Zoom because of train strike</b>
Time of meeting:	<b>13.00 to 17.00</b>	

## MINUTES

<b>PART 1: OPEN SESSION</b>		
<b>Present:</b> Iain McInnes (IM) Chair; Dawn Atkinson (DA); Earle Abrahamson (EA); Jennifer Barnes (JB); Teija Barr (TB); Ann Godsell (AG); Lynsey Metcalfe (LM); Tara Willmott (TW). In attendance Margaret Coats (Chief Executive & Registrar)		
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	
	IM opened the meeting and welcomed everyone	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Philip Rose-Neill, Sharon Robinson (Communications and Website Manager)	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of interests</b> DA declared an interest on the basis that she is a lay member of the Regulation Committee of the Association for Nutrition (AfN).	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Open session held on 18 April 2023</b>	Draft Minutes
	The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>	
	There were no matters arising.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Update on Complaints</b> Members noted that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Conduct and Competence Panel was scheduled to meet on 31 May to hear a complaint against a Nutritional Therapist but this was cancelled because of the train strike. Before we could arrange a new date the practitioner allowed her registration to lapse. Based on legal advice this means we don't currently have jurisdiction in this matter and can't take any further action at the moment so the complaint lies on file in case the practitioner renews her registration at some future date.</li> <li>Similarly a complaint against a Colon Hydrotherapist that was being investigated remains on file because she allowed her registration to lapse.</li> <li>There are currently three complaints under investigation, two against a Massage Therapist (from the same person) and a complaint against a Nutritional Therapist.</li> </ul> In discussion Members noted that not all Registrants against whom complaints have been made choose to allow their registration to lapse if that opportunity arises before a conclusion is reached.	oral report
<b>8</b>	<b>Horizon scanning</b>	CNHCB 2023-34



	<p>As agreed at the April Board meeting, the 2017 government consultation on the reform of statutory regulation has been removed and the February 2023 outcome of that consultation has been added.</p> <p>Members noted it will be important to keep up to date with any legislative changes to statutory healthcare regulation, particularly any simplification of procedures for dealing with complaints.</p>		
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024</b> 21 February, 24 April, 10 July, 23 October.</p> <p>Members noted that 23 October will fall within school holidays and an alternative date will need to be agreed.</p>		
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Any other business (must be agreed with Chair in advance of meeting)</b> There was no other business.</p>		
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Further meeting date for 2023</b> 24 October</p>		