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CNHC Appoints new CEO / Registrar

CNHC Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Margaret Coats as Interim CEO/Registrar from 1 September 2011. Margaret was CEO and Registrar at the General Chiropractic Council until April 2011 and has recently been working with CNHC in an advisory capacity. She has an impressive career pathway, including roles as CEO of the Occupational Standards Council for Health & Social Care and Head of the NHS Open Learning Unit. Margaret will be working 3 days a week initially, whilst undertaking a review of the organisation's structure and functions.

Maggy Wallace, CNHC Chair, commented: *"We are delighted to have secured the services of such an experienced CEO at this time. Margaret's experience in the regulatory sector and beyond, together with her extensive networks, will bring additional resource to CNHC to support its future development. I know the Board look forward to working with her and reaping the benefit of her wide experience."*

The CNHC Board, at its meeting on 2 August 2011, expressed its gratitude and appreciation to Maggie Dunn, who stands down as CEO/Registrar from 31 August 2011. Recognition was given to the huge amount of progress that CNHC has achieved since its inception, a significant amount of which has been due to Maggie's tireless involvement.

Tribute was paid to the time and effort she has given to the organisation since 2008, particularly in building up excellent working relationships with the CNHC's Professions Specific Boards and Professional Associations. Her skills in mediation and problem solving have proved invaluable in bringing different groups together, to recognise how much they have in common, as well as celebrating their own unique features.

Maggy Wallace, CNHC Chair, said: *"Maggie's unstinting commitment to getting CNHC up and running as an effective body has been exemplary. Maggie has been a real pleasure to work with and we are delighted that she remains on the Board of Directors and will continue to build and maintain links with professional colleagues."*



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Notes to editor

The Complementary and Natural Healthcare Council (CNHC) was established in April 2008 with the purpose of protecting the public by means of a voluntary register for complementary and natural healthcare practitioners.

The CNHC's function is:

- To establish and maintain a voluntary register of complementary healthcare practitioners in the UK who meet its standards of competence and practice
- To make the Register of practitioners available to the general public and to educate them about the CNHC quality mark as a quality standard
- To operate a robust process for handling complaints about registered practitioners
- To work with professional bodies in the complementary healthcare field to further develop and improve standards of professional practice

The Register was launched with government backing through the Department of Health.