

Date of meeting:	Thursday 21 May 2015	Albert Buildings 49 Queen Victoria Street London EC4N 4SA
Time of meeting:	16:00 – 17:00	
Next meeting:	Thursday 13 August 2015	

## Minutes – Open Session

Present: Sheila Inglis (SI) (Vice Chair), Margaret Coats (MC) (Chief Executive), Nicola Bastin (NB), Shaun Brookhouse (SB), John Lawrence (JL), Michael Watson (MW), Hazel Russo (HR) (Secretary)

### 1 Welcome to Closed Session

SI opened the meeting and welcomed new members to the Board.

### 2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Lynne Gray, George Lewith, Patricia Mowll and Laura Quartermain.

### 3 Declaration of interests

SI invited members to declare any interests in relation to any item on the agenda. None were declared.

### 4 Minutes of CNHCB – Open session held on 28 January 2015.

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

### 5 Matters arising

None

### 6 Governance

#### 6.1 Appointment of new Board members: to note

It was noted that the new Board members had been recruited and the new members are:

Nicola Bastin (Lay)  
Shaun Brookhouse (Registrant)  
John Lawrence (Registrant)  
Laura Quartermain (Lay)  
Michael Watson (Lay)

### 7 Correspondence

Nothing to report

### 8 Professional Standards Issues

Nothing to report

### 9 Complaints

#### 9.1 Investigating Committee decisions: for information

MC provided an update on paragraph 2.2 of paper CNHCB 2015-25 to inform members that the Investigating Committee (IC) decided that the complaint did not meet the threshold for referral.

9.2 MC also informed members that the practitioner referred to at paragraph 3.4 did not renew his registration and that she had written to him to inform him that CNHC is aware of this and would keep the issue on his file. MC also confirmed that the registrant

- has not been charged by the police.
- 9.3 A question was raised about what happens to a complaint in this circumstance and it was confirmed that MC had notified the police about the Interim Suspension Order but that CNHC does not have any jurisdiction over a lapsed registrant.

**10 Professional Issues**

Nothing to report

**11 Operational Activities**

Activities Report: for information

Members noted the contents of the Activities report and thanked staff for their hard work during the previous quarter.

**12 Wider Regulatory Matters**

12.1 Professional Standards Authority Report to Ministers on the Accredited Registers: to note

Members noted the high profile given to services provided by CNHC registrants in the Professional Standards Authority's Report to Ministers. Members also acknowledged the very strong message put out by the Professional Standards Authority about the essential contribution that our registrants could be making to the nation's health and wellbeing.

12.2 General Medical Council (GMC) amendment of its referral guidance: to note

12.2.1 Members noted the significance of the Professional Standards Authority's success in gaining agreement from the GMC to amend its referral guidance. It was noted that this was as a result of a suggestion by CNHC to do so.

12.2.2 SI informed members that in light of the Accredited Registers programme CNHC is liaising with officials in the Scottish Government to get an update of the Health Directorate Letter relating to complementary therapies.

12.2.3 MC also confirmed that CNHC has approached the Advertising Standards Authority to request recognition that CNHC's registrants meet the definition of health practitioner, in light of the Accredited Registers system and amendment to GMC referral guidance.

12.2.4 MC informed members that she had not yet received an update from the ASA and so would request that the Professional Standards Authority pursues this.

**13 Any Other Business**

Nothing to report.

**14 Dates/Times of Future Meetings**

August 13, October 28 2015