

Date of meeting:	12 February 2020	Tower Room 46-48 East Smithfield London E1W 1AW
Time of meeting:	12.30 to 16.00	
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Minutes – Open Session

Present: Board: Michael Watson (MW) (Chair), Iain McInnes (IM), Sarah Grant (SG), Meghan Mari (MM) and Sue Spurr (SS).
Staff: Margaret Coats (MC) (Chief Executive), Evette Roberts (ER) (Head of Quality Assurance) and Sharon Robinson (SR) (Communications Manager).

1 Welcome

MW welcomed all those present and invited all members to introduce themselves.

2 Apologies for absence

Earle Abrahamson (EA), Denzil Johnson (DJ), Philip Rose-Neil (PR-N), Bea Teuten (BT) and Tara Willmott (TW).

3 Declaration of interests

MW invited members present at the meeting to declare any interests in relation to any item on the agenda.

4 Minutes of Open session held on 23 October 2019

The Minutes were approved without amendment.

5 Matters arising

5.1 Review of actions agreed at 23 October meeting

Our article on examples of potential Brexit implications for registrants was held back until after the outcome of the General Election and published in the January e-newsletter. Members noted that all other actions were completed in a timely fashion.

6 Governance

6.1 Appointment of new Board member

Following the resignation of Jane Nodder, Earle Abrahamson was appointed with effect from 1 November 2019.

7 Complaints

7.1 Update on complaints

Four complaints were considered by our independent Case Examiners last year, one of which was referred for hearing by the Conduct and Competence Panel. This brings together three complaints against a massage therapist. The three-day hearing will take place in April.

8 Professional issues

8.1 Update on core curricula timetable

An important issue has come up since the papers were circulated, which is about the potential use of contextualised National Occupational Standards. The key point is whether we should include in CNHC core curricula versions of National Occupational Standards CNH1 and CNH2 that aren't published

by Skills for Health and have not been accepted for inclusion in the UK National Database.

The Board agreed to use the generic, published versions of CNH1 and CNH2 in all CNHC core curricula.

9 Operational activities

9.1 Activities Report

Members noted the variety of activities and welcomed the increase in the number of registrants who are acting as CNHC Local Champions.

10 Horizon scanning

The Chair noted that we were steadily building up the range of issues relevant to horizon scanning and there were no suggested additions. In discussion it was agreed that

- Personal Health Budgets (England) and Self-Directed Support (Scotland) were more likely than Social Prescribing to provide opportunities for provision of complementary therapies.
- It will be essential to develop an understanding of the role of the 'gatekeepers' for these initiatives.

12 Any other business (must be agreed with Chair in advance of meeting)

There was no other business.

13 Meeting dates for 2020

29 April; 22 July; 21 October.