

Differences between the roles of CNHC and professional associations

CNHC as voluntary regulator	Professional associations
Established with government support to act in the public interest	Set up by practitioners to act in the interest of the profession and practitioners
Holds a single, UK register of practitioners from a range of disciplines (has registrants).	Holds a membership list of professional practitioners (has members)
Ensures that registrants meet the standards of practice set by government	Ensures members meet its own standards of practice , which may differ from those set by government
No direct relationship with providers of training and continuing professional development (CPD)	May provide training and CPD events
Through its Fitness to Practise procedures imposes sanctions or removes practitioners from the CNHC register when this is necessary to protect the public	May provide advice and support to members who are subject to the CNHC Fitness to Practise procedures.
Liaises with government and other organisations where appropriate, in the public interest on all regulatory issues	May represent the profession to government and other organisations on issues of concern to practitioners