



Profession Specific Board (PSB) meeting – thank you!

Thank you to the Profession Specific Board (PSB) members who attended the recent meeting in London. There was a good turnout from PSBs representing all disciplines on the CNHC register and we had some good discussion about CNHC's CPD policy document which has been updated recently to make it easier to use (see 'CPD Random Sampling 2017' below for details).

Many thanks to all of the PSB members who attended. This was a very productive meeting and we very much appreciate the commitment and support shown by all who take on this important role.



CNHC PSB members, March 2017

CPD Random Sampling 2017

CNHC carries out a random sampling of insurance certificates and CPD logs on an annual basis. This year's sampling began on 3rd April 2017 and the deadline to return documents will be Friday 28th April 2017.

CNHC has contacted the registrants involved in the sampling and has asked that completed CPD logs and insurance certificates are sent in. Please do not send these documents to us unless you receive that request.

The full details of the policy and process for the sampling are set out on the link below. Please click onto this and read the policy because if you are included in the sample, failure to comply could affect your registration. [Policy in respect of requirement to provide copies of insurance certificate and CPD log.](#)

CNHC's CPD policy has been updated and simplified. For further details please see our website here: [CNHC CPD Policy](#)

Private Health Cash Plans update

We regularly receive questions about private health cash plans and which ones recognise CNHC registration. A number of private cash plan providers do recognise CNHC registration for a **limited number of corporate plans**.

It is essential that clients check their cover before committing to or paying for treatments if they want to apply for reimbursement of fees.

Cash plan providers which recognise a number of CNHC registered disciplines on a limited number of corporate plans with specific employers include: **Westfield Health, Health Shield, Simplyhealth and Bupa.**

Full details can be found here: [Private Health Cash Plan providers and CNHC](#)

Events update

Royal Society of Medicine public outreach meeting - Hypnosis & Psychosomatic Medicine Section – 8 May 2017, London

The Hypnosis & Psychosomatic Medicine Section of the Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) is hosting a 'public outreach meeting: patient's perspective' event in London on Monday 8 May 2017. To view the full event programme and to register visit: <https://www.rsm.ac.uk/events/HYH03>

College of Medicine Conference – Food: the future medicine


The College of Medicine is seeking expressions of interest for those who wish to attend its second food conference, *Food: the future medicine*, which will take place on 14 September 2017. To register your interest visit: <https://www.collegeofmedicine.org.uk/events/#/event/register/2017/9/13/expressions-of-interest-our-next-food-conference>


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Professor George Lewith: 1950 - 2017



It is with great sadness that we report the death of CNHC Board member Professor George Lewith who passed away on 17th March 2017.

George had been a member of CNHC's Board since 2012 during which time he played a significant role in supporting our work through his great skill as a strategic thinker and his knowledge and passion for this work.

George was a GP and Professor of Health Research. He was the first doctor in England to receive specialist training in Complementary Medicine and went on to set up the Complementary and Integrated Medicine Research Unit at the University of Southampton where he led a research group of international excellence.

George was one of the founder members and Trustee of the Research Council for Complementary Medicine. He was passionate about the importance of building the scientific evidence base for complementary medicine and its dissemination. He believed that understanding research is necessary for preparing all healthcare practitioners and he strived to engage practitioners in research. He was particularly driven in engaging and supporting young people wishing to develop their research careers.

In 2003, in Southampton, he conceived and initiated the first annual conference on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Strategies, Training, Research and New Developments (CAMSTRAND) specifically to showcase postgraduate and practitioner research. Since then this annual conference has provided an arena for participants to present and discuss their research in a supportive but critical peer and academic environment.

George was a champion of complementary healthcare during his long career. He challenged people to think differently and was both robust and compassionate in his approach.

CNHC Chair, Michael Watson commented: "George will be very sadly missed by all at CNHC and by the many people who have known him throughout the world of complementary health and care. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time."

URGENT – respond to save charities providing complementary healthcare

CNHC has received details of a consultation being carried out by the Charity Commission which is 'reviewing its approach to registering as charities organisations which are established to use or promote complementary or alternative medicines.'

The question seems to be about the type of evidence the Charity Commission should accept when considering whether an organisation can have charitable status. Details on the government website state the following: 'The Commission says that it must rely on evidence to be assured that there is public benefit, and the consultation focuses on the nature of evidence it should require of organisations using or promoting CAM that apply to register as charities.'

Complementary healthcare is provided by charities around the UK at hospices, Macmillan cancer centres, mental health charities such as Mind centres and many others so it is vitally important that the Commission receives robust responses from this sector.

CNHC will be responding to this consultation and we urge any organisation which provides access to complementary healthcare to respond, with details of public benefit. Research evidence will be extremely important in this case.

The consultation closes on 20 May at 12.00pm. Full details can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/charity-regulator-consults-on-its-approach-to-organisations-promoting-complementary-and-alternative-medicines>

CNHC at WI Fair!

For the first time this year CNHC exhibited at the Women's Institute Fair and what a time it was!

Our aim was to raise awareness of CNHC and the importance of members of the public looking for CNHC registered practitioners when seeking complementary healthcare.

Thanks to Katherine Creighton Crook, Cecile Dumont, Carl Newbury and Catherine Stone – four CNHC registered massage therapists who supported us at the show by providing seated chair massage for visitors.



Katherine Creighton Crook



Cecile Dumont

Katherine Creighton Crook commented: 'It was great to be able to support CNHC at this event. I registered all of my practitioners to be CNHC registered and we want the public to know that we're proud to be on this register.'

Cecile agreed: 'As a relatively new CNHC registrant I did feel really proud to be providing massage under the CNHC banner.'

Carl commented: 'Being registered with CNHC, I felt very happy to be providing seated chair massage at the WI Fair. Not only because my registration gives me confidence, but also because when I referred visitors to search the CNHC register, I knew they would be able to find a practitioner they can trust.'

Catherine Stone added: 'I've worked at lots of shows like this and I really enjoyed speaking to the public and letting them know about the CNHC register.'

We used CNHC's 'search the register' facility to find practitioner details for visitors at our stand and we were also delighted to meet a registrant WI member who plans to give a talk about her CNHC registration to her local group.



Here you can see Carl and Cecile ready to go on the first morning.



Carl Newbury and Catherine Stone at work at the WI Fair!



Janice Langley, Lisa Walters

We were delighted to meet National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) Chair, Janice Langley who came to the CNHC Stand. She said: 'It's lovely to see so many people coming to the WI Fair. Members have travelled from all over for a day out..' She added: 'I might pop along later for a massage after standing up for four days!'

You can see Janice here with CNHC Register and Website Manager, Lisa Walters

If you would like a powerpoint presentation about CNHC to use at talks in your area for the WI or other local groups please contact us at info@cnhc.org.uk

PSB elections – Alexander Technique teaching, Bowen Therapy and Yoga Therapy

A reminder that the election process for the Alexander Technique teaching, Bowen Therapy and Yoga Therapy Profession Specific Boards (PSBs) begins 7 April. You can see full details of these PSB elections here: [PSB Elections April - May 2017](#)

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