

Date of meeting:	16 October 2024	VENUE: School of Philosophy and Economic Science, 11-13 Mandeville Place, London W1U 3AJ
Time of meeting:	11.00 to 15.00	

MINUTES

PART 1: OPEN SESSION		
Present: Dawn Atkinson (DA) via Zoom; Jennifer Barnes (JB); Teija Barr (TB) via Zoom; Michael Lupson (ML); Lynsey Metcalfe (LM); Iain McInnes (IM) Chair In attendance: Margaret Coats (MC) Chief Executive & Registrar; Sharon Robinson (SR) Communications and Website Manager.		
1	Welcome	
2	Apologies for Absence: Ann Godsell and Earle Abrahamson	
3	Declaration of interests There were no declarations of interest.	
4	Minutes of Open session held on 10 July 2024 The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	Draft Minutes
5	Matters arising There were no matters arising.	
6	Register of Members' Interests LM identified some additions and deletions to her entry. An updated copy of the Register will be published on the CNHC website.	CNHCB 2024-60 ACTION: SR
7	Update on Complaints Members noted that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Examiners met on 13 September to consider a complaint against a Hypnotherapist and issued a Warning in respect of several aspects of record keeping. The registrant has appealed against the Warning and this is being considered by a member of the Professional Committee who has not been previously involved in the complaint. • Case Examiners met on 4 October to consider a complaint against a Nutritional Therapist and referred it for hearing by the Conduct and Competence Panel. 	oral report
8	Horizon scanning	CNHCB 2024-61
8.1	Members agreed that	
	(i) The Worker Protection Act (amendment of Equality Act 2010) which comes into effect on 26 October 2024 should be added to Section 2. (ii) 'Change of government' should be deleted from Section 3. (iii) The current final issue in Section 4 should be reworded to state 'Draft legislation on Ending Conversion Practices in Scotland'.	ACTION: MC
8.2	Members noted that	
	(i) GMC has published 'How to prepare' guidance for Anaesthesia Associates (AAs) and Physician Associates (PAs), doctors who will be supervising them and employers. There will be a transitional two year period until December 2026 after which it will be an offence to practise in the UK unless they are GMC registered. Qualification level will be	

	<p>postgraduate diploma or above and they will be required to follow Good Medical Practice.</p>		
	<p>(ii) The AAPA Order 2024 No.374 gives Case Examiners power to find impairment and impose Final Measures, rather than refer the matter to a Panel, thus avoiding what can become an adversarial and expensive process. PSA has not yet published the final version of its Good Practice guidance on Accepted Outcomes.</p>		
8.3	<p>Members agreed that the AAPA Order should be added to Section 4, plus the PSA guidance on Accepted Outcomes when it is published. They also agreed this is a process to which they will want to give careful consideration as to whether to develop a relevant Notice of Change for submission to PSA in due course.</p>		ACTION: MC
	<p>Any other business (must be agreed with Chair in advance of meeting) There was no other business.</p>		