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Dear Ann,

We are delighted to confirm that the AHCS Register for Healthcare Science Practitioners has been formally accredited by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (PSA). Ours is the first register for the healthcare science workforce to be accredited in this way. We believe that this is a very important first step towards statutory registration for those not currently statutory regulated.

As registration currently remains voluntary, we hope you will support us in encouraging your members where appropriate, to sign up to the NHS funded and supported Academy accredited Register. The accreditation quality mark signifies that the Academy has met the Professional Standards Authority's high standards in governance, standard-setting, education and training, management of the register, complaints handling and information; assuring the public and employers.

It is another move forward in the implementation of government policy. Modernising Scientific Careers has effectively put in place standardised and accredited education and training programmes for the Healthcare Science work force that enables formalised regulation, whether voluntary or statutory.

The Academy register is endorsed in a government's select committee response, contained in the report below.

From: Government Response to the House of Commons Health Committee Report of Session 2014-15: accountability hearing with the Health and Care Professions Council'

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/364280/43550_2902784_Cm_8916_Govt_Response_accessible.pdf

“For those health care scientists not regulated by statute, the Academy for Healthcare Science holds a voluntary register and will be seeking accreditation from the PSA. This is assurance that is appropriate and proportionate to the risks presented to public safety”.

A short article is attached that we hope you will post on your website and include in any member publications. We thank you for your anticipated support.

Yours sincerely



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