



NEWS: AHCS Voluntary Register Accredited by the PSA

The Academy for Healthcare Science is delighted to announce that their NHS funded and supported Register for Healthcare Science Practitioners is now accredited by the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care.

It is the first accredited register for the Healthcare Science workforce. 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.

Dr Kerry Tinkler, The Academy's Clinical Director and Registrar said 'this is great news for the Academy and will be welcomed by the many Practitioners who are already on our register and those who are about to join. Being registered with the Academy demonstrates a real personal and professional commitment to the standards of competency and conduct and offers a level of assurance to patients and employers regarding quality and safety'.

Becky Foster is already registered with the Academy. She is a Tissue Donation Manager. Becky said 'Being registered definitely has some benefit. I feel more united with my colleagues, as a professional and I think it gives a sense of reassurance.'

But it is not just the Academy, our commissioners and individuals Healthcare Scientists who agree that being on the Academy register as a Practitioner is a good thing. The Government said in its response to the House of Commons Select Committee Report of Session 2014/15: Accountability hearing with the Health and Care Professions Council '*the Academy for Healthcare Science Voluntary Register offers assurance that is appropriate and proportionate to the risks presented to public safety*'.

Quality and safety are at the forefront of the NHS and the organisations within it. It is highly likely that registration, where not statutory, will be a condition of employment, and good quality commissioning in the future.

If you would like to join the register, please follow this link <http://www.ahcs.ac.uk/the-register/join-the-register/>.

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