

## Accredited Registers Programme

### Accreditation Panel's Decision – Notification of Change

Notification from: Academy of Healthcare Science (the Academy)  
Panel meeting: 19 January 2017 (change approved)

The [Professional Standards Authority](#) accredits registers of people working in a variety of health and social care occupations not regulated by law. To be accredited, organisations holding such registers must prove that they meet our demanding [Standards for Accredited Registers](#) (the Standards). Accreditation is reviewed every twelve months.

Once accreditation has been granted, significant changes to an Accredited Register need to be assessed by the Authority to ensure ongoing compliance with the Accreditation Standards. These are submitted to the Authority as a notification of change.

On 19 September 2016, the Academy submitted a notification of change for consideration.

The Accreditation Panel reviewed the notification of change submitted by the Academy. Panel members reviewed the notification of change form and a summary report from the Accreditation team. The Panel had to review the proposed changes and decide whether or not they would impact on the register's compliance with the Accreditation Standards. The Panel could make recommendations in the form of:

- **Conditions** – changes that must be made in order for the change to be approved.
- **Instructions** – actions that would improve practice but do not affect compliance with the Standards and that the Panel requires to be implemented and be satisfied of appropriate implementation within a given timeframe
- **Learning points** – actions that would benefit the operation of the register, the implementation of which would be verified during the annual review of accreditation.

The Panel noted the assessment carried out by the Accreditation team for the notification of change included:

- Documentary review (notification of change form)
- Due Diligence checks
- Review of Share Your Experience responses.

There were no declarations of interest from members of the Panel. A summary of matters considered by the Panel is set out in the Annex. The summary is not intended to reflect all of the matters discussed by the Panel, but to record those that were most important in forming its decision.

## **Outcome**

The Panel decided that the changes would not impact on the Academy's compliance with the Accreditation Standards so approved the change.

## **Conditions, Instructions and Learning Points**

The Panel confirmed that no Conditions, Instructions or Learning Points would be issued as a result of the notification of change.