

A Message from the RCCP Chair

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Dear Registrants,

I am sure that most of you are working flat out and in very pressurised circumstances in the NHS at the moment. Hopefully there are signs for improvement with regard to the COVID 19 crisis but we all know this will continue for a long while ahead.

I wanted, on behalf of the RCCP Board and staff, to bring you up to date with our activities that are linked to your status as a RCCP registrant. Firstly, a huge thank you to all of you who have renewed your registration. We now have nearly 6,000 people on our register across a wide range of clinical physiology modalities. We would also like to welcome a new group joining our register: Educational Audiologists.

Through the COVID 19 crisis we have been able to retain our staff at head office due to good financial housekeeping over many years. We have taken specific measures to protect our staff at RCCP head office as this is located within a busy GP practice building and our meetings are now digital. We are fully embracing digital forms of communication to run the organisation.

The Black Lives Matter movement is requiring all of us to think deeply about how we operate as individuals and as part of organisations. At the RCCP we unreservedly support this movement and stand with those who challenge discrimination and racism in all its forms.

For some time now we have been looking for a new CEO for the RCCP and we are delighted that Michael Guthrie, formerly Director of Policy at the HCPC, has joined us on an interim basis while we continue our search for a permanent CEO. Michael is already reviewing our Strategic Plan and the policies and procedures put in place to manage our Register.

Our register is voluntary and approved by the Professional Standards Authority (PSA). We recently went through a major exercise to regain our annual renewal certificate. It is important to note that the PSA has just announced a major review and consultation on the future of 'Accredited Registers' and we will be playing an active role in this process. We will continue to press, during this consultation, for the need for statutory regulation of clinical physiology.

The Board recently authorised expenditure on the development of our website and the updating of our database. These are two critically important pieces of work as we strive to improve our understanding of how we can assist registrants further, look to raise our levels of engagement with you and to educate the public on the important role of clinical physiologists. We will report back further on this in the coming months. We would also encourage feedback from anyone as to what they would like to see across this platform.

The COVID 19 crisis has delayed our activities in relation to working with the many Professional Associations of which you are members. We are looking to restart this activity and build on the very positive responses we had during our initial consultation phase. The relationship between the RCCP and the Professional Associations are pivotal to our success.

The RCCP has continued to operate safely during COVID 19 taking all precautions with our staff and office practices. We recognize that our methods of operation will need to change as we come out of the pandemic crisis. We are already looking at new ways to communicate and manage our business. Finally on behalf of the board and team at Head Office we would like to thank you all for the amazing contribution you are making on the front line.

Yours Faithfully,



Paul Burgess – Chair – RCCP