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Press Release - Joint Statement on closer collaboration

The Academy for Healthcare Science (AHCS) and the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists (RCCP) are undertaking joint work to explore greater collaboration between the two organisations following a decision by both Boards to proceed.

Both organisations register clinical physiologists and the work seeks to consider how the organisation's might best work together in the interests of patient safety, public confidence and provide clarity for professionals, the profession, employers and educators.

This process will involve dialogue with stakeholders, registrants, the Professional Standards Authority (PSA), patient bodies and the staff of both organisations.

At this point in time there are no changes proposed to the roles of either organisation. Practitioners should continue to register with their preferred Register.

Following this initial exploratory stage which it is envisaged will take up to 3 months the AHCS and the RCCP will update all parties on the options for collaboration should both parties decide to proceed.

Notes

- The AHCS is the overarching body for the whole of the Healthcare Science Profession. Working to ensure that Healthcare Science is recognised and respected as one of the key Clinical Professions in the Health and Care system. Working alongside a diverse range of professional bodies, and other stakeholders to bring together a wide range of scientific disciplines across the UK. AHCS takes a proactive role in the identification of issues of concern to patients and the profession and supports the highest standards of patient care. It provides an Accredited Register, equivalence and supports the Certificate of Attainment and Certificate of Equivalence for the scientist training programme.
- The RCCP campaigns for patient safety and holds an Accredited Register for the disciplines of Audiologists (including Educational Audiologists and Hearing Therapists), Cardiac Physiologists, Gastro-intestinal Physiologists, Neurophysiologists, Respiratory Physiologists and Sleep Physiologists.

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