

Summary of advice the Authority has provided to the Privy Council in relation to regulators' council appointments processes

The Authority's role in scrutinising appointments processes

Under arrangements made pursuant to section 25C of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (as amended), the Professional Standards Authority is responsible for scrutinising the processes used by eight UK health and care professional regulators to recommend individuals for appointment to their governing councils. On the basis of this scrutiny, the Authority advises the Privy Council on whether it can have confidence in the process each regulator has used. The Privy Council takes this advice into account alongside other considerations when deciding whether to make the appointments.

The eight regulators subject to these arrangements are:

- General Chiropractic Council (GCC)
- General Dental Council (GDC)
- General Medical Council (GMC)
- General Optical Council (GOC)
- General Osteopathic Council (GOsC)
- General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)
- Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC)
- Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC)

Further information on the Authority's role in this area, including about how we scrutinise regulators' appointments processes, is available on our website: www.professionalstandards.org.uk

The Authority has advised the Privy Council that it **can have confidence** in the following appointments processes:

Date of advice	Regulator	Type	Position(s)	Link to regulator's announcement of the appointment or information about its council
01/08/2024	GOC	Appointment	Council member x2	https://optical.org/en/news/news-and-press-releases/
26/07/2024	GOsC	Appointment	Council member x1	News - General Osteopathic Council (osteopathy.org.uk)
23/07/2024	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x 4	https://www.gcc-uk.org/gcc-news/news
15/07/2024	GCC	Appointment	Council member x1	https://www.gcc-uk.org/gcc-news/news
25/06/2024	GDC	Appointment	Council member x1	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)
10/06/2024	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x2	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/
04/04/2024	NMC	Appointment	Council member x2	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/
08/02/2024	GOC	Appointment	Council member x1	https://optical.org/en/news/news-and-press-releases/
08/02/2024	GOsC	Appointment	Council member x3	News - General Osteopathic Council (osteopathy.org.uk)
15/01/2024	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x2	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)
15/01/2024	GMC	Reappointment	Council member x2	News - GMC (gmc-uk.org)

15/01/2024	GPhC	Appointment	Council member x5	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news
11/12/2023	GCC	Appointment	Chair of the Council	https://www.gcc-uk.org/gcc-news/news
11/12/2023	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x1	https://www.gcc-uk.org/gcc-news/news
04/12/2023	GOC	Reappointment	Council member x1	https://optical.org/en/news-and-blog/
06/11/2023	GOsC	Appointment	Chair of the Council	News - General Osteopathic Council (osteopathy.org.uk)
06/10/2023	NMC	Appointment	Council member x1	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/
25/07/2023	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x3	News (hcpc-uk.org)
23/06/2023	GOsC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	News - General Osteopathic Council (osteopathy.org.uk)
15/06/2023	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/
15/06/2023	GDC	Appointment	Council member x 2	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)
04/04/2023	GCC	Open competition	Council member x1	https://www.gcc-uk.org/gcc-news/news
04/04/2023	NMC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/
31/03/2023	GMC	Open competition	Council member x 2	News - GMC (gmc-uk.org)
03/02/2023	GPhC	Reappointment	Council member x 5	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news
03/02/2023	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)

26/01/2023	GCC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.gcc-uk.org/gcc-news/news
15/12/2022	GMC	Reappointment	Council member x1	News - GMC (gmc-uk.org)
30/11/2022	GOC	Open competition	Council member x 2	News and press releases (optical.org)
11/11/2022	HCPC	Open competition	Council member x 2	News (hcpc-uk.org)
14/10/2022	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x1	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)
09/09/2022	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x1	News (hcpc-uk.org)
24/06/2022	HCPC	Reappointment	Chair of the Council	News (hcpc-uk.org)
15/06/2022	GOsC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	News - General Osteopathic Council (osteopathy.org.uk)
15/06/2022	GOsC	Open competition	Council member x1	News - General Osteopathic Council (osteopathy.org.uk)
20/04/2022	NMC	Open competition	Council member x1	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/margaret-mcguire-appointed-council-member-for-scotland/
30/03/2022	GMC	Open competition	Chair of the Council	News - GMC (gmc-uk.org)
08/03/2022	GDC	Open competition	Council member x1	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)
21/01/2022	GPhC	Reappointment	Council member x3	News General Pharmaceutical Council (pharmacyregulation.org)
14/01/2022	GPhC	Reappointment	Council member x5	News General Pharmaceutical Council (pharmacyregulation.org)

14/01/2022	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x1	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)
17/11/2021	GPhC	Open competition	Chair of the Council	News General Pharmaceutical Council (pharmacyregulation.org)
8/11/2021	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x1	News and updates - The Nursing and Midwifery Council (nmc.org.uk)
28/10/2021	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x1	News (hcpc-uk.org)
28/10/2021	HCPC	Open competition	Council member x 3	News (hcpc-uk.org)
03/08/2021	GCC	Open competition	Council member x 2	News GCC (gcc-uk.org)
21/06/2021	GOC	Open competition	Council member x1	News and press releases (optical.org)
04/06/2021	GDC	Open competition	Chair of the Council and Council member x1	News & blogs (gdc-uk.org)
27/05/2021	NMC	Open competition	Chair of the Council	News - The Nursing and Midwifery Council (nmc.org.uk)
12/04/2021	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	News GCC (gcc-uk.org)
25/03/2021	GOC	Open competition	Council member x1	News and press releases (optical.org)
12/03/2021	GCC	Reappointment	Chair of the Council	News GCC (gcc-uk.org)
02/03/2021	GOC	Reappointment	Council member x 4	News and press releases (optical.org)
12/01/2021	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	News (gdc-uk.org)

14/12/2020	GOC	Open competition	Chair of the Council	GOC announces Dr Anne Wright CBE as new Chair of Council (optical.org)
01/12/2021	GMC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	News - GMC (gmc-uk.org)
16/11/2020	GMC	Open competition	Council member x 5	GMC welcomes five new female council members - GMC (gmc-uk.org)
12/11/2020	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	News (hcpc-uk.org)
05/11/2020	NMC	Open competition	Council member x1	NMC Council welcomes three new appointees - The Nursing and Midwifery Council
16/10/2020	GOsC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/news-and-resources/news/
24 July 2020	GOC	Reappointment	Council member x1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_listing.cfm?page=1&year/2020/
13 July 2020	GDC	Open competition	Council member x 3	https://www.gdc-uk.org/about-us/who-we-are/the-council/
17 June 2020	GCC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/how-we-work
15 June 2020	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x1	https://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/how-we-work
9 Mar 2020	GOC	Open competition	Council member x1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/tim-parkinson-appointed-to-goc-council
6 Mar 2020	NMC	Open competition	Council member x 4	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/nmc-welcomes-four-new-council-members/
12 Feb 2020	GOsC	Open competition	Council member x 3	https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/news-and-resources/news/new-council-members-appointed/
11 Feb 2020	GPhC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/cy/about-us/who-we-are/gphc-council

22 Jan 2020	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	https://www.gdc-uk.org/about-us/who-we-are/the-council/
15 Jan 2020	GMC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/two-new-council-members-appointed-by-gmc
10 Jan 2020	GCC	Open competition	Council member x1	https://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/how-we-work
10 Jan 2020	GPHC	Open competition	Council member x 3	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/cy/node/9223
25 Nov 2019	GOC	Reappointment	Council member x1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_listing.cfm
14 Nov 2019	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x 4	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/
4 Nov 2019	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x1	https://www.hcpc-uk.org/news-and-events/news/
28 Oct 2019	GOsC	Open competition	Chair of the Council	https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/news-and-resources/news/next-chair-of-the-gosc-announced/
28 Oct 2019	GOsC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/news-and-resources/news/
1 August 2019	HCPC	Open competition	Council member x 3	https://www.hcpc-uk.org/about-us/who-we-are/council/council-members/
3 June 2019	GOC	Open competition	Council member x1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/professor-deborah-bowman-mbe-appointed-to-goc-council
15 Feb 2019	GPhC	Open competition	Council member x 5	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news
15 Feb 2019	GPhC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news
17 Jan 2019	GOsC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	https://www.osteopathy.org.uk/about-us/the-organisation/council/

9 Jan 2019	HCPC	Open competition	Chair	https://www.hcpc-uk.org/news-and-events/news/
4 Dec 2018	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/press-releases/three-members-reappointed-to-nmc-council/
3 Dec 2018	GOC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/go-c-reappoints-glenn-tomison-and-rosie-glazebrook
15 Oct 2018	GMC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/news-archive/two-new-council-members-appointed-by-gmc
18 Sept 2018	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x 1	http://www.hcpc-uk.co.uk/aboutus/council/councilmembers/
7 Aug 2018	NMC	Open competition	Council member x 1	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/press-releases/new-council-member-for-nmc/
11 July 2018	GDC	Open competition	Council member x 1	https://www.gdc-uk.org/news/news-and-blogs/news
3 July 2018	GMC	Open competition	Chair	https://www.gmc-uk.org/news/media-centre/media-centre-archive/new-chair-of-the-general-medical-council
9 May 2018	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x 1	https://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/council/council-members.aspx
7 Mar 2018	GPhC	Reappointment	Chair	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news/nigel-clarke-re-appointed-gphc-chair
8 Feb 2018	NMC	Open competition	Chair	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/nmc-welcomes-new-council-chair/
4 Jan 2018	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x 1	https://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/council/

8 Nov 2017	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x 1	https://www.nmc.org.uk/about-us/governance/the-council/members-of-council/
8 Nov 2017	HCPC	Open competition	Council member x 1	https://www.hcpc-uk.org/mediaandevents/pressreleases/index.asp?id=1547
4 Jul 2017	GDC	Open competition	Council member x 6	https://www.gdc-uk.org/news/media-office/press-releases
4 Jul 2017	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	https://www.gdc-uk.org/news/news-and-blogs/news
13 Jun 2017	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	http://www.hcpc-uk.org/mediaandevents/news/
13 Jun 2017	GCC	Open competition	Council member x 4	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news.aspx?ID=92
31 Mar 2017	NMC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/press-releases/nmc-welcomes-two-new-council-members2/
15 Feb 2017	GPhC	Open competition	Council member x 2	http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news
13 Feb 2017	GOC	Open competition	Council member x 4	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/goc-recruits-four-new-council-members
9 Feb 2017	GOsC	Open competition	Council member x 2	http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/news-and-resources/news/
13 Jan 2017	GPhC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news
21 Dec 2016	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news/
14 Dec 2016	GOC	Reappointment	Council member x 1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_listing.cfm/year/2017/

21 Nov 2016	HCPC	Open competition	Council member x 2	http://www.hcpc-uk.org/mediaandevents/news/
8 Nov 2016	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/press-releases/
3 Nov 2016	GMC	Reappointment	Council member x 7	http://www.gmc-uk.org/news
30 Oct 2016	GMC	Open competition	Council member x 4	http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/28681.asp
29 Aug 2016	NMC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/press-releases/nmc-welcomes-two-new-council-members/
12 Jul 2016	GOC	Open competition	Council member x 1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/sin_ead-burns-appointed-to-goc-council
8 June 2016	HCPC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	http://www.hcpc-uk.org/mediaandevents/news/
23 May 2016	GDC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	https://www.gdc-uk.org/news/news-and-blogs/news
10 May 2016	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news/
18 Mar 2016	GCC	Open competition	Council member x 1	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news/
23 Feb 2016	GOsC	Reconstitution	Council member x 9	http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/news-and-resources/news/new-committee-members-appointed-to-general-osteopathic-council/
22 Jan 2016	GPhC	Open competition	Council member x 3	https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/news/gphc-announces-three-new-council-members

9 Dec 2015	HCPC	Open competition	Council member x 1	http://www.hcpc-uk.co.uk/aboutus/council/councilappointments/
19 Nov 2015	GCC	Reappointment	Council member x 2	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news/
16 Nov 2015	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	https://www.nmc.org.uk/news/press-releases/
21 Oct 2015	GOC	Open competition	Council member x 1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/da-vid-parkins-appointed-to-goc-council
13 May 2015	HCPC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.hcpc-uk.co.uk/aboutus/council/councilappointments/
6 May 2015	GDC	Open competition	Council member x 1	https://www.gdc-uk.org/news/news-and-blogs/news
17 Mar 2015	NMC	Open competition	Council member x 2	http://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/nmc-appoints-two-registrant-council-members/
27 Jan 2015	GOC	Reappointment	Council member x 1	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_listing.cfm/year/2015/
20 Jan 2015	GCC	Open competition	Council member x 2	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news/
10 Dec 2014	HCPC	Open competition	Council member x 4	http://www.hcpc-uk.org/mediaandevents/pressreleases/index.asp?id=838
3 Dec 2014	GMC	Open competition	Council member	http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/council/21907.asp
26 Nov 2014	GOC	Open competition	Council member x 2	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/goc-appoints-glenn-tomison-and-rosie-glazebrook-to-council

17 Nov 2014	NMC	Reappointment	Council member x 3	http://www.nmc.org.uk/news/news-and-updates/new-and-re-appointed-council-members/
17 Sept 2014	GCC	Reappointment	Council member	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news/
12 Aug 2014	NMC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.nmc-uk.org/media/Latest-news/NMC-welcomes-Professor-Dame-Janet-Finch-as-new-Chair-to-lead-Council/
12 Aug 2014	GMC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/25407.asp
31 Jul 2014	GOC	Reappointment	Council member	https://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/selected/ina-ullah-reappointed-to-goc-council
6 Feb 2014	GOsC	Open competition	Council member	http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/uploads/new_member_appointed_to_gosc.pdf
13 Dec 2013	GPhC	Open competition	Council members x 5	http://pharmacyregulation.org/new-members-appointed-pharmacy-regulator%E2%80%99s-governing-council
9 Dec 2013	HCPC	Open competition	Council members x 11	http://www.hcpc-uk.org/mediaandevents/pressreleases/index.asp?id=727
4 Dec 2013	GCC	Open competition	Council member	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news.aspx?ID=23
8 Nov 2013	GDC	Open competition	Council member	http://www.gdc-uk.org/Newsandpublications/Pressreleases/Pages/New-Council-complete-with-Welsh-dental-nurse-appointment.aspx
13 Aug 2013	GPhC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/nigel-clarke-appointed-gphc-chair-designate

6 Aug 2013	NMC	Open competition	Council member	http://www.nmc-uk.org/media/Latest-news/NMC-appoints-Council-member-from-Northern-Ireland/
25 Jul 2013	GDC	Open competition	Council members x 10	http://www.gdc-uk.org/Newsandpublications/Pressreleases/Pages/New-body-to-lead-the-General-Dental-Council.aspx
13 May 2013	GDC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.gdc-uk.org/Newsandpublications/Pressreleases/Pages/General-Dental-Council-announces-first-appointed-Chair.aspx
26 Mar 2013	NMC	Open competition	Council members x 10	http://www.nmc-uk.org/media/Latest-news/New-Council-appointed-to-lead-NMC/
21 Mar 2013	GCC	Open competition	Council members x 2	http://www.gcc-uk.org/files/page_file/NewmembersofCouncil120413.pdf
21 Mar 2013	GOC	Open competition	Council members x 2	http://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/scott-mackie-and-helen-tilley-appointed-to-goc-council
11 Mar 2013	GCC	Open competition	Council members x 2	http://www.gcc-uk.org/files/page_file/NewmembersofCouncil120413.pdf
11 Mar 2013	GOC	Reappointment	Council members x 8	http://www.optical.org/goc/download.cfm?docid=94C2AA62-389A-44B3-B6F82B2919D03663
7 Feb 2013	GOC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.optical.org/en/news_publications/news_item.cfm/gareth-hadley-appointed-new-goc-chair
28 Dec 2012	GPhC	Open competition	Council members x 8	http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/pharmacy-regulator-welcomes-new-members-its-governing-council
18 Dec 2012	GOsC	Reappointment	Council members x 5	http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/uploads/gosc_announces_council_appointments_and_reappointments.pdf
17 Dec 2012	GCC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.gcc-uk.org/files/page_file/SuzanneMcCarthy2.pdf
14 Dec 2012	GOsC	Open competition	Council members x 2	http://www.osteopathy.org.uk/uploads/gosc_announces_council_appointments_and_reappointments.pdf

13 Nov 2012	GCC	Reappointment	Council member	http://www.gcc-uk.org/about-us/news.aspx?ID=25
2 Nov 2012	GMC	Open competition	Council members x 11	http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/14172.asp
6 Sept 2012	GMC	Open competition	Chair	http://www.gmc-uk.org/news/13900.asp

The Authority has advised the Privy Council that the following appointments process did not meet the required standard:

Date of advice	Regulator	Type	Position(s)	Outcome
11 Nov 2013	NMC	Extension	Chair	http://www.nmc-uk.org/Documents/CouncilPapersAndDocuments/Council%202014/Council%20Papers%20Jan%202014.pdf , see page 112