

COMMITTEE ALERT, ADVISE, ASSURANCE REPORT TO BOARD

Committee:	Scrutiny Committee
Meeting Date:	2 May 2024
Chair:	Marcus Longley

KEY ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

TO ALERT (alert the Board to any areas of particular importance or urgency)

Issue	Committee Update	Assurance Received	Action	Timescale

ADVISE (advise the Board on any areas of on-going monitoring or any new developments that need to be shared with the Board)				
Issue	Committee Update	Assurance Received	Action	Timescale
AR and PR Standards review project	The Committee received a plan for the project to review both AR and PR Standards as a joint project.	The Committee approved the plan, but questioned the timeframes, which were very tight. The Committee noted that the timeframes should fit the work required, rather than aiming to complete by a certain date.	Timeframes to be reviewed for the project.	May 2024 (complete).
Accredited Registers deep dive	The Committee received a report on the deep dive, which focused on decision-making.	The Committee was assured that decision-making was robust. The Committee agreed with recommendations to explore options for single decision makers (based on risk of decision) and developing a more structured approach to recommendations issued to registers and for identifying risks and good practice.	The Committee highlighted the importance of being able to evaluate the effectiveness of any changes to decision-making and suggested a pilot period to allow for this.	Development and implementation of pilots for new approaches by end of 2024.
Accredited Registers VAT equivalence	The Committee reviewed and agreed a letter and	The Committee was satisfied that the letter	Letter to be sent to the Department.	May 2024 (complete).

<p>Conversion therapy</p>	<p>paper to be sent to the Department of Health and Social Care relating to VAT equivalence for the services provided by AR practitioners.</p> <p>The Committee noted the complexity of this area and highlighted the risks of divergent approaches across the four UK countries.</p>	<p>was appropriately targeted and did not stray beyond our remit.</p> <p>The Committee asked the team to keep a watching brief on this, which should include any relevant international context.</p>	<p>Continued monitoring of this topic.</p>	<p>Ongoing.</p>
<p>PR intelligence sources</p>	<p>The Committee discussed the recent NMC whistleblower case and whether there are additional evidence sources available to the PR team that would allow issues such as this to be detected earlier.</p>	<p>The Committee received an overview of evidence sources reviewed by the PR team on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Review of evidence sources utilised in PR to be brought for future Committee discussion.</p>	<p>November Committee meeting.</p>

ASSURE (assure the Board on any areas of assurance that the Committee has received)				
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S29 cost management	The Committee received a paper on the cost management approach applied to S29 work.	The Committee was satisfied with the approach taken.	The Committee requested that an annual cost management paper is presented to the Committee.	May/August 2025.
Diversity in regulators' Council appointments processes	The Committee received a paper outlining further detail on the oversight of the regulators' work to improve the diversity of their Councils through the appointments process	The Committee was satisfied with our oversight of this work.	The Committee asked for consideration to be given to reporting publicly on this aspect of regulators' work.	August Committee meeting.