

NMC Professionals Strategic Advisory Group terms of reference

Introduction

- 1 The NMC Professionals Strategic Advisory Group will provide a regular opportunity for the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) to engage with senior registrants and share insights, information about strategic developments and offer advice to the NMC's Executive.

Role of NMC Professionals Strategic Advisory Group (PSAG)

- 2 The role of the NMC PSAG is to:
 - 2.1 Enable the NMC to engage directly with senior registrants and gain insight from that group at an early stage of strategic developments.
 - 2.2 Advise the NMC on whether proposals and initiatives are fit for purpose and will enhance public protection.
 - 2.3 Disseminate information about the NMC's regulatory and strategic developments to a wider group of registrants.
 - 2.4 Advise the NMC on how best to engage with senior registrants on a wide range of issues.
- 3 The NMC PSAG will:
 - 3.1 Provide strategic advice to the NMC's Executive team.
 - 3.2 Contribute insight from contemporary practice to inform the NMC's strategic decision making
 - 3.3 Support the NMC in communicating relevant information
 - 3.4 Identify potential obstacles to the delivery and implementation of new NMC initiatives and support the NMC with strategic advice to overcome these barriers.

Terms of reference

- 4 The Terms of reference reflect the need to:
 - 4.1 Ensure that the NMC's emerging strategy and initiatives receive adequate scrutiny and strategic insight from senior registrants.

- 4.2 Promote a positive image of professionalism, and increase trust and confidence in the nursing and midwifery professions across the health and care sectors
- 4.3 Build the profile of the NMC and the Code amongst the public, registrants and employers.
- 4.4 Have an effective forum for open dialogue between senior registrants and the NMC.

Secretariat

- 5 The Strategic Relationships team based in the Strategy directorate will provide the secretariat for the group. The team will work with group members, the wider Executive team across the NMC and the Office of the Chair and Chief Executive to ensure that the agenda is developed in a collaborative way, reflecting and meeting the needs of the group and the NMC's Executive.
- 6 The Secretariat will ensure that actions from the group are taken forward and that the agenda is outcomes focussed to ensure that the group becomes a driver for change.

Meetings

- 7 Meetings will be chaired by the Chief Executive or another member of the NMC's Executive team.
- 8 Meetings will take place on a quarterly basis and dates will be sent for the year in advance. Meetings will last for two hours, but may be extended with advanced notice if an exceptional event or agenda item demands a longer time slot.
- 9 Meetings will take place under the "Chatham House rules" convention, unless agreed otherwise in advance.

Membership

- 10 Members of the group will be senior registrants, including where appropriate those from the academic field, management, policy, health, social care and nursing and midwifery.
- 11 The group will include invitees from all four countries of the UK.