

**CHRE welcomes the government's proposals for professional excellence.**

The government has published a command paper [\*Enabling Excellence: Autonomy and Accountability for Health and Social Care Staff\*](#), which sets out its proposals for the future of regulation of health and social care workers.

*Enabling Excellence* refers to CHRE's approach to right-touch regulation. The paper also identifies a number of new areas of work for CHRE including:

- A cost-efficiency and effectiveness review of each regulator
- Advising on the governance of regulators and appointments to their Councils
- Proposals for creating a mechanism to allow CHRE to consider complaints about regulators' administrative matters.

*Enabling Excellence* supports the changes set out in the recent [\*Health and Social Care Bill\*](#) currently being discussed in the House of Commons. This proposes that subject to Parliamentary approval, our name will be changed to the **Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care** from April 2012. The Bill also proposes that we will report to the Privy Council and in addition to our existing functions, we will:

- Oversee the regulation of social care workers in England
- Assist the Privy Council in making appointments to the Councils of the regulatory bodies
- Set standards for accreditation of voluntary registers.

Harry Cayton said: 'We are delighted that our principles of [\*right-touch regulation\*](#) have been acknowledged in the White Paper. We are looking forward to working on these new areas with government, the statutory regulators, voluntary professional associations and all those with an interest in the future regulation of healthcare workers, social workers and social care workers.'

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