

## **ACCREDITED PRACTITIONER REGISTER (“REGISTER”) ADVISORY BOARD (“BOARD”)**

### **Summary of a meeting of the Advisory Board held online via MS Teams**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 19:00.**

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees. She confirmed that automatic transcription was agreeable to all present. This was confirmed by all.

#### **1. Update on activity with the Professional Standards Authority accreditation team**

##### *a. Notification of Change*

The Register’s notification of change regarding previously reported “additional roles” has now been reviewed fully reviewed by the PSA. There are three main conditions which the Register is in agreement with.

##### *b. Professional Standards Authority conference and Review of Standards*

The meeting was updated on the recent accredited registers’ conference. The main topic of that conference was engagement and discussion around the proposed review of standards that is to be undertaken.

The Register will provide a response to the PSA online consultation questionnaire.

#### **2. Update on Professional Conduct Review Committee**

There was nothing to update at this time. Updates will provided to the next board.

#### **3. Update on Education and Training Committee**

It was advised that a new page has been created on the website that now includes ALL qualifications recognised by the Register (a default of Ofqual, level 4 or greater). An additional new Therapeutic Riding qualification has now been added.

At this time there are no Ofqual recognised qualifications in Horticultural Therapy and 1 in Animal Assisted work.

#### **4. Update on application and registration**

Renewals – the renewal process has now been completed, the register membership is at 32. Current applications in process were discussed.

All logos have been updated, and registrants will now be provided with these and an update of the Athena Brand Protection Policy.

#### **5. Update from Accredited Register Collaborative (ARC)**

The meeting was updated on key discussions from the most recent ARC meeting.

ARC meetings going forward will be quarterly. The autumn meet is likely to be face-to-face, venues to be confirmed.

A data sharing agreement between registers was discussed, Athena is in agreement.

An update from the PSA was provided by OA. The two main topics were the above-mentioned standards review and the recognised scale of work that the accreditation team is currently trying to manage through 2025-2026.

It was agreed that the Chair should be offered invites to future ARC meetings.

**6. Promotional activity since last meeting and proposed activity**

Information continues to be fed regularly through social media channels.

The Register was represented at the National Equine Forum.

The Register is speaking events at the Equine Culture in Transition conference in Manchester (June) and the IAHAIO conference in Amsterdam (August). They will also be in attendance at the British Horse Council (June).

Other member focused options were discussed.

**7. Risk matrix and Conflicts of Interest register**

It was confirmed that these documents had been seen and agreed by the Board since the last session.

**8. Further recruitment to the Advisory Board, and other committees**

Changes to the Advisory Board membership were discussed.

**9. Any other business**

There was no "other business"

**10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting is June 25<sup>th</sup>.