

BY E-MAIL:

Russell George MS
Chair
Welsh Health and Social Care Committee

12 July 2023

Dear Mr George,

I am writing to share with you our Annual Report and Accounts for 2022/23 which has now been [published](#). The report was laid on 6 July 2023.

This has been a busy and challenging year for both individuals and organisations working in health and care, including the regulators and Accredited Registers we oversee. The report provides an overview of our work over the last year reviewing the performance of the 10 statutory health and care professional regulators as well as checking the regulators' final fitness to practise decisions and appealing them where we believe it is necessary for public protection.

It also updates on the development of our Accredited Registers programme which helps to provide assurance to the public, employers and wider stakeholders about unregulated practitioners who are members of the registers that receive our quality mark.

Some key achievements during 2022/23 include:

- Publishing our report [Safer care for all](#) in September 2022. Publishing the report was just the start of the journey and we hope that through cooperation and collaboration with others in the sector, regulation can contribute to addressing some of the huge challenges the health and care sector is facing.
- Consulting on a draft of our [Strategic Plan](#). The plan sets out our vision, mission and aims for the next three years (2023 to 2026). We asked stakeholders for input and subsequently published the consultation's outcome as well as the plan on 25 May 2023.
- Implementing changes to the Accredited Registers programme following the Strategic Review of the programme in 2021, as well as consulting on introducing a new [equality, diversity and inclusion \(EDI\) Standard for Accredited Registers](#) which will be brought in later this year and on strengthening the approach to safeguarding within the programme

- Commissioning [research](#) with members of the public looking at what constitutes discriminatory behaviour in health and social care and the different ways in which this behaviour may have an impact on public safety and confidence
- Continuing to support regulatory reform and promote the importance of EDI in health and social care.

The Annual Report can be downloaded from our website [here](#)

Please do get in touch if you would like to discuss anything in the report.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline Corby".

Caroline Corby
Chair