# Promoting Professionalism

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## **Promoting Professionalism**

Professor Andy Friedman RCN | London 28 January 2020



#### **Project on Promoting Professionalism**

Populist challenge 2016 Trump/Brexit March 2018 Project Launch

- Case studies
- Public Opinion survey
- Professional Association Members' surveys
- Definitions of professionalism
- Initiatives to promote professions & professionalism
- Ways to enhance initiatives
- Conversation on way forward for promoting professionalism



# **Project Supporters**























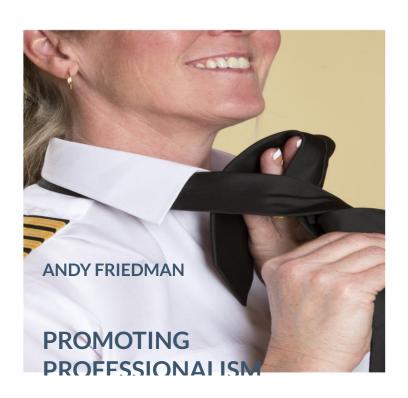




# **Special supporters**









## **Challenges to Professions & Professionalism**

#### **Populism**

Enough of experts; post truth v evidence based decisions; anti-vax

#### Al and other new technologies

- 'dismantling of the traditional professions' (Susskinds 2015)
- Internet/social media => disintermediation; rising trust in peers

#### **New generations**

Entrepreneurial; focused on make positive difference; passion

#### Elitism and lack of diversity



## Challenge for meeting the challenges

- ➤ Challenge not limited to specific occupations; populism against all experts, all evidence based facts; Al/social media affects most
- ➤ Professional bodies focus on own occupation & own members; limited knowledge of what others are doing
- ➤ Benchmark against what others are doing to diffuse effective initiatives more widely among professional bodies
- > Need profession-wide response
- Building the Chartered brand



### **Muted and Sporadic efforts**

- Little direct professionalism promotion on websites or rebuttal of populist denigration of evidence based statements
- Most support their professionals & develop knowledge base
- Promotion efforts towards own profession & knowledge base
- Seem unaware of initiatives of others & little collective efforts
- Chart 3.3 (p30) what more can do to promote profession



#### **Definitions**

Of 28 websites, 9 close to a definition

- 'Professionalism is demonstrable awareness and application of competences and qualities, including knowledge, and appropriate skills.'
- Not mention ethical behaviour

Profession = occupational value v occupational power source

Professionalism is an ambiguous, complex & contested phenomenon (Friedman 2019)



### Perceptions of professions & professionalism

Trust in professionals to tell the truth risen from 1983

10 positive and 10 negative characteristics by which a selection of 10 professions may be perceived by the public

Members of professional bodies surveys similar judgements



#### **Positive Attributes from Public Opinion Survey**

	Competent	Knowledgeable	Diligent	Ethical	Trustworthy	Caring	Fair	Respectful	Reflective	Transparent	No Reply
Base	42 %	<b>40</b> %	30 %	17 %	17 %	16 %	14 %	11 %	9 %	8 %	13 %



### **Negative Attributes from Public Opinion Survey**

	Defensive	Greedy	Elitist	Biased	Careless	Corrupt	Insensitive	Misleading	Non- responsive	Rigid	No Reply
Base	21 %	21 %	20 %	19 %	18 %	18 %	18 %	16 %	16 %	15 %	20%



## **Unprofessional Practice**

Lack of ethical competence (26%)

- many just said lack ethics but also not respectful or fair than lack of technical competence (17%).
  - mostly lack diligence but also said lack competence



#### **Initiatives**

60 initiatives on a wide range of subjects

Modern slavery, corruption, pro bono work

Lab in a lorry to appeal to young people at schools

Gamification IET FIRST® LEGO® League and Faraday challenge

- 'Gracious Professionalism'; 'Coopetition' (cooperative competition)
- School children aged 9-16; then League Junior 6-9 year olds; League Discovery 4-6 year olds.



### **Interesting Initiatives criteria**

Innovative or unusual

• Communication techniques: theatre; gamification

Critical influencer contacts; link critical issues of public concern

Generalizability to others at low cost

Effectiveness at promoting professionalism & countering negative perceptions

 Focus on ethical and technical competence, number of stakeholders affected; extent; evaluations



## Weaknesses in promoting professionalism

- Initiatives concentrate on promoting individual professions rather than professionalism
- This reflects foundation document objects
- Need to emphasise services are provided in a professional manner, based on the expected standards of technical and ethical competence. This taken for granted by professional associations, not by general public

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## Professionalism, the shield of virtue?

Alastair McCapra, Chief Executive @CIPR\_CEO







Mr Pecksniff announces himself as the 'Shield of Virtue'

Martin Chuzzlewit, Charles Dickens



THE REPUTATION-LAUNDERING FIRM THAT RUINED IT'S OWN REPUTATION

A P.R. company that worked with dictators and oligarchs deliberately inflamed racial tensions in South Africa—and destroyed itself in the process.

By Ed Caesar



#### **Extract from our Royal Charter:**

The objects for which the Institute is incorporated shall be:

- (a) to promote for the public benefit high levels of skill, knowledge, competence, and standards of practice and professional conduct on the part of public relations practitioners;
- (b) to promote the study, research and development of the practice of public relations and publish or otherwise make available the useful results of such study and research;
- (c) to promote public understanding of the contribution of effective public relations in encouraging ethical communication and in enhancing the efficiency and performance of all sectors of the economy;
- (d) to act as an authoritative body for the purpose of consultation in matters of public and professional interest concerning public relations;
- (e) to represent the interests of members in all public fora; and
- (f) to advance the interests of members and to provide facilities and services for members.



CIPR STRATEGY 2020-2024 Advocating public relations with employers, clients and the public To create a better understanding of the standards and services that public relations professionals can offer

The CIPR will research and demonstrate the value of public relations to organisations and society.

Continue research into the value of public relations to business, and work with business schools to include a stronger PR element in their offering.

Disseminate the Client Guide and Recruitment Guide more widely to employers and clients.

Develop PR Finder to allow the public to find suitably-qualified members to deliver their projects.

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Continue the CIPR's membership of the Professional and Business Services Council, the Confederation of British Industry, the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Federation of Small Businesses and Institute of Business Ethics; identifying opportunities to improve understanding of what public relations professionals can offer.

Maintain the **UK Lobbying Register** and work to develop greater transparency in lobbying practice.

Promote our Awards winners year-round, giving maximum visibility to practitioners who demonstrate that they can successfully deliver value for their clients.

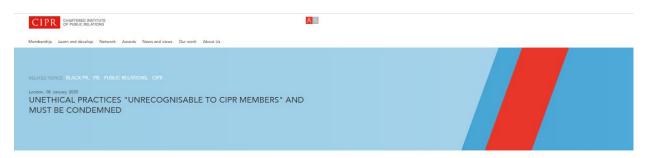
#### In 2020:

- Achieve increased views/downloads of the client and recruitment guides.
- Provide CIPR speakers for five business, industry and
- Undertake a survey to establish business awareness of PR and its value.
- Pursue research and partnerships with business schools.
- Contribute to the UK's Industrial Strategy through membership of the Professional and Business Services
- Partner with the Confederation of British Industry to support businesses across the UK in their stakeholder relations.
- Publish a thought leadership paper on professional judgement to initiate a wider discussion about how public relations can add value to organisations at a strategic level.
- Develop a training offer for senior managers outside the public relations profession to raise awareness role public relations can play in supporting them.













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# Promoting professionalism: How APM achieved chartered status and galvanised the emerging project profession

Debbie Dore, APM CEO



#### An overview



Over 31,000 individual members 500+ corporate partners 18,000 qualification/standards takers per annum

200 CPD events a year

4 major conferences

500+ volunteers and ambassadors 121 staff

1.6 million unique visitors to the APM website

£12 million revenue

UK member of the International Project Management Association (IPMA)





#### The challenge for our profession



- Projects by nature are challenging and push boundaries
- Many projects succeed but megaprojects steal the headlines often for less than positive reasons
- Higher expectation of benefit and lower tolerance of failure
- Greater demand for transparency and accountability
- Project management is seen to be about process but it is people that deliver projects
- Time for professionals to stand up and be counted

#### The desire to be chartered

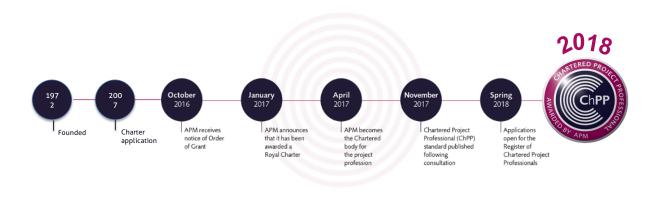


"I homed in on the pursuit of Royal Charter, not simply to achieve it but more importantly to give us a focus ... into becoming an effective, modern organisation that could match any other professional body in terms of quality, efficiency and ultimately in size."

Late Mike Nichols (former APM Chairman), in 2007

## Long road to charter





#### Why is chartered status so important?



- ✓ Raises profile and value of PM as career of first choice
- ✓ Puts project management equal to other professions
- ✓ Raises standard of project delivery
- ✓ Provides employers with a register of assured professionals
- ✓ Provides external recognition for the individual
- ✓ Ensures CPD and ethics are at the heart of the profession



Property of APM





#### **Road to charter**

- Series of 11 papers
- Released monthly
- Prepare the profession
- Increase understanding
- Visible progress
- CPD, ethics, volunteering, diversity, nurturing talent, public benefit







#### What were we trying to achieve?



- Achievable in first 10 years of career
- Build on learning to date
- Possible to achieve with no formal qualifications
- Robust appropriate assessment method for time poor people
- Importance of CPD and ethics
- A single code of conduct



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#### **Routes to chartership**



**Route 1**: for those who have a recognised assessment for technical knowledge e.g. APM qualification, relevant university degree, in-house corporate programme assessed to cover the required knowledge, a qualification from another professional body

**Route 2**: for those who have a recognised assessment for technical knowledge and professional practice e.g. APM RPP, corporate academy, university or other professional body

**Route 3**: an experiential route for those who meet the eligibility criteria but have no formal prior assessment





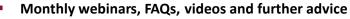
#### Easy to understand guidance and support



- The ChPP standard
  - Eligibility criteria
  - Routes of entry
  - Mandatory and options competences

#### **Application Guidance**

- Understand what being chartered means for you
- Decide if becoming chartered is right for you now or at a later date
- Prepare your application





#### **Progress to date**



- 1032 Chartered Project Professionals
- 59 based overseas
- Youngest 26; oldest 71
- Wide range of sectors
- Only 15% women!
- More to do to create a truly diverse profession





## **Impact so far 2017-2020**



- ✓ Membership grown from 26,000 to 32,000
- ✓ Student membership up from 3,500 to 7,000
- ✓ Overall revenue up by almost 30%
- ✓ Qualifications/standards revenue increased by 47%

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#### **Creating a talent pipeline**



- 500+ schools engaged with Make it Happen campaign
- 80+ university, school and college events this financial year
- Project: You student guide produced supported by 65 corporates
- New Student member insight events Arup, Linklaters
- New Emerging Professionals Network successfully piloted



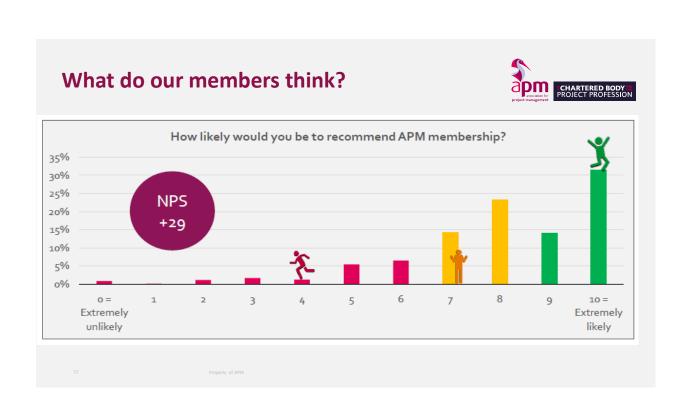
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#### **Apprenticeships**

- Over 5,000 level 4 apprentices
  - credit to the profession
  - APM project management qualification part of the course requirements
  - Increased interest from training providers
  - real asset to their employers (such as NHS, BBC, Royal Mail, Caffe Nero, UBS, Teach First)
- 150 degree apprentices
  - Rolls Royce, BAE Systems, B&Q, Hampshire Council, Isle of Wight Council, Arup, Turner & Townsend







#### What do employers think?

Conducted research: Taking a seat at the table

**78%** of employers surveyed said more likely to recruit a project manager with chartered status than one without.

**89%** believe ChPP status will be positive for an individual employee.

**86%** believe chartered employees add to the reputation of their organisation.





#### Our key annual tracker question



The pride and status point....asking the profession:

If they think profession's reputation would be enhanced over next five years (+4,000 responses per survey )

In 2018 a net 60% said YES
In 2019 this increased to 62%
In 2020 this increased further, to 66%

December

#### What's next?



- Maintaining momentum
- Show we are serious about CPD and ethics
- Ensure a continuing consistent level of assessment
- Building chartered capability ensure government and major employers adopt throughout their supply chain
- International application



and the ultimate challenge ... provide evidence that Chartered Project Professionals deliver better outcomes



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# A New Decade for Professionalism

Gill Hodges
President Society of Radiographers
January 2020









Employs over 1.5 million staff
•4th largest employer in the world

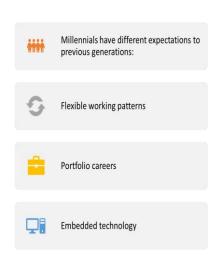




What changes will there be over the next decade...... and how will these affect staff?



#### Developments over the next 30 years



#### **Education of professionals**

- AI
- Imaging skills will still be required
- Greater understanding of disease
- Continue to develop scientific skills
- Communication skills

#### Healthcare technologies

- Al
- Lifelong access to education and training
- Expertise and guidance to evaluate technologies
- Time to adopt new technologies
- Research

## What is professionalism?









"The key to quality and efficiency is professionalism."

Anonymous

# What is professionalism?





# Professionalism – polished skill



- Civility
- Expertise
- Rectitude
- Respectability
- Competence
- Probity
- Steadiness
- Thoroughness

- Acumen
- Dedication
- Facility
- Reliability
- Sophistication
- Willingness

# What is professionalism?









## **Professiona** in healthcar

#### Executive summary

5 Conclusion

- Is complex no single definition
- Holistic, all-encompassing
- 'it's everything really....from the minute you get to the station to the minute you get home, it's the conduct of work
- Expression of self-individual values, core beliefs
- 'To me, people's values underpin everything they do as a professional....professionalism has come from before I even entered the profession'

## **Measuring Professionalism**



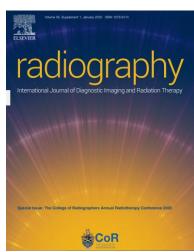
'professionalism' both as an holistic concept, and as a set of specific appropriate behaviours.

'Professionalism' is not perceived as an absolute, but constructed in the interaction of individual and context

professionalism as a judgement rather than a skill, and of the role of organisational support

The true skill of professionalism may be not so much in knowing what to do, but when to do it.







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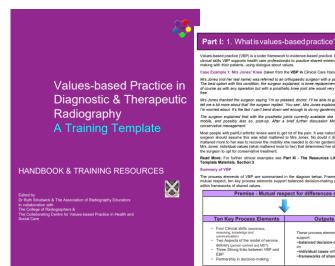
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Ten Key Process Elements	Outputs
Four Clinical skills (awareness, reasoning, knowledge and communication)     Two Aspects of the model of service	These process elements support:

Details vary (see Read More, below) but for each group, training sessions follow the same basic model: a brief introduction to values and VBP followed by extensive discussion of cases from

TABLE 1 - The Basic Training Model	
Seminar Content	Learning Outcomes
BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO VBP Two brief (10 minute) interactive group exercises plus plenary discussion	Raised awareness of  1) Many meanings of 'values' 2) Diversity of individual values 3) How this diversity three different choices from the same evidence-base
EXTENDED CASE DISCUSSION Small group work plus plenary discussion around everyday case scenarios	Embedding the above and applying to decision-making in everyday practice
TAKE HOME TWEAKS Reflection in pairs on personal practice plus plenary feedback aim is for each delegate to come up with one small change they can make to their own practice	Further embedding the above by applying to decision-making in each delegates' own everyday practice









The focus of our Annual Student Conference 2020 will be on research, career development and hearing the patient perspective from professionals.

This event is designed for radiography students, studying both therapeutic and diagnostic disciplines.





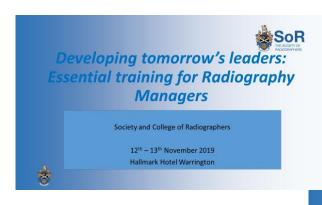
With so much to celebrate - 100 years of Society of Radiographers and the 10th Year of NCRM - Philips and the SCoR are excited to collaboratively host the National Conference for Radiology Managers 2020 (NCRM) in London on 21 May.

Bringing together radiology managers and clinical directors, a series of engaging lectures, motivational speeches and panel discussions will focus on the theme: 'Celebrating Leadership'.



The conference is free to attend and is CPD accredited.







#### Aims



- To support you as managers within clinical imaging and radiotherapy to:
- Deliver successful partnership working
- Be better at managing change
- Have confidence in the professional services you deliver
- Have confidence in your abilities as managers
- Be resilient and inspire others into management roles





## Think about something you have learnt to do well. How did you learn this?





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## So why research



Research can introduce dimensions that are normally excluded from reflective practices within a profession.

research can, as a process for participants, facilitate, 'stimulate and support critically reflective practice'

'We are professionals, we are not just "implementers" of policies, we need to think and adapt the policies to our reality, but at the end we don't have time for that'.

research can offer a reparative or augmented reflective space that can be absent from the usual working situations of the practitioners

Jones, Charitou, Mercieca & Poblete Nunez(2019)







## Collaborative and Partnership Working

















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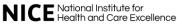




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Professionalism is not a label you give yourself –
 it's a description you hope others will apply to you

David H Maister

# professionalism
 # leadbyexample
 # evidencebasedpractice
 # researchiseveryone'sbusiness





Educational Structure review
• Entry into professions

Workforce planning reviews

Health and wellbeing in the workplace

Resilience



I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget **how you made them feel** 

Maya Angelou



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Matt Roberts - Director of Membership



## **ABOUT CMI**

#### WHO ARE WE?

- → Better led and managed organisations
- → From accidental managers to conscious leaders
- → The only Chartered Professional Body for Managers and Leaders
- → 130,000 members including 80,000 students
- → 600 partners
- → 70 years

## INITIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM IN THE 21st CENTURY

- → Supporting young graduate professionals (21st Century Leaders CMI 2014)
- → Chartered Manager Impacts & Benefits (Mapping Management Excellence CMI 2015)
- → Delivering Diversity (Blueprint for Balance: Broken Windows CMI 2018)

## A Nation of Accidental Managers?

There are 2.4 million accidental managers in the UK (CMI 2017)

Just 1 in 5 managers are professionally qualified (CMI 2017)

#### **Business impacts**

Poor management costs the UK economy £84bn p/a in lost productivity (IIP 2017)

Only 28% feel change is well managed in their organisation (CMI 2018)  $\,$ 

### Wellbeing

Managers work an extra 44 days per year (CMI 2017)

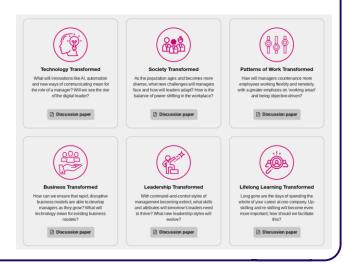
1 in 10 took time off with mental health issues (CMI 2018)



## **Management 4.0**

New challenges facing all managers and leaders

- → New ethical issues around machine learning and AI
- → Greater value placed on leaders' human behaviours?
- → The pace of change will only accelerate



# Why Professional Managers?

#### The so what

- → Business benefits in terms of increased economic (25%) and people performance (33%) (CMI 2015)
- → 70% of employers want management, leadership and enterprise embedded into the HE curriculum (CMI 2018)
- → Chartered Managers deliver an extra £310k over 5 years (CMI 2019)
- → Professional management delivers on diversity -Businesses are 35% more likely to outperform when they have an ethnically and genderbalanced leadership (McKinsey 2019)



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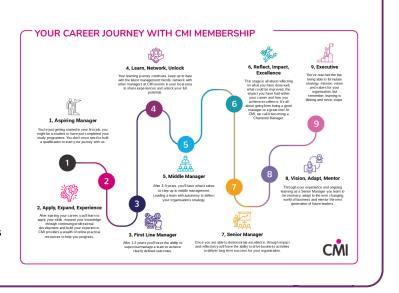
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## CMI Approach



Refreshed professional standards

Practical application and benefit from professional development





## **Impact**

We all need to be able to demonstrate robust proof points of professional impact

## The Value of Chartered Managers (Oxford Economics 2019)



#### Impact on Indivduals

Average pay rise of a manager as a result of becoming Chartered



#### Impact on Businesses

Chartered Managers boost their business revenue by £62k each year and £310k over 5 years



#### Impact on Economy

Additional contribution to the UK economy every year from each manager becoming Chartered

### Graduate employability increases (DLHE 2019)

#### CMI ACCREDITATION BOOSTS EMPLOYABILITY



after 6 months, 58% of graduates from CMI accredited courses were in professional roles, compared with 48% from non-accredited business courses.

### Delivering Diversity (various sources)







## What's Next?

- → Fully personalised digital experience
- → Let's identify your ambitions, strengths and development points
- → Provide you with the fresh content you need to excel
- Signposting you to the best opportunities to meet other members and achieve through more local CPD events





## Professionalism is more important than ever

- → Management & Leadership skills in greater demand
- → Significant business impact of Chartered Managers
- → Greater employability for those with management skills
- → Diversity comes with professional management and leadership
- → Challenge populist approaches with fresh, practical thought leadership, content and pathways
- → Proof of impact is essential

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# Promoting the Profession and Promoting Professionalism within Occupational Therapy

## **Karin Orman**

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## **Strategic Intentions**





- Position the profession, and our members, for the 21st century
- **Enhance** the profile of the profession to a range of audiences
- Ensure RCOT is a thriving membership organisation within which members flourish

The Royal College of Occupational Therapists

Strategic Intentions
2018-2023

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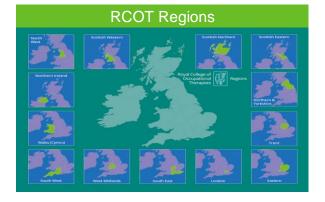
## **Opportunities as an RCOT member**





### **RCOT Boards**

4 countries Learning and Development Education



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#### Challenges for the profession '



- Articulating their skills set and role
- Leadership
- Applying professional expertise
- Applying approaches within new models of practice across the wider spectrum of practice.





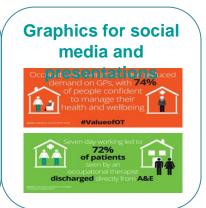
# Occupational therapy: Improving lives, saving money



#### **Resources for members**







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### Impact of the campaign





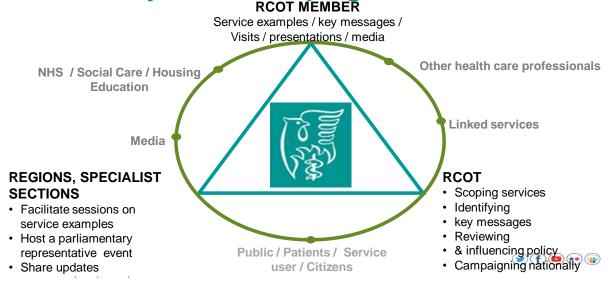
## **Small Change Big Impact**





# Participating as a professional community in the campaign





# Are you fit for the 21st Century? Primary Care Making it Real – Think Local Think Personal approach to care Digital

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**Scotland Digital NHS** 

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#### **Specialist and Generalist**



## TRADITIONAL THINKING

To be successful we need to specialise early and invest time/effort in gaining specific skills

#### NEW THINKING

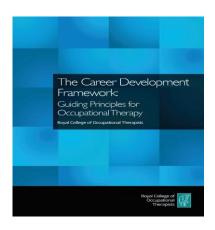
Taking a broader, generalist approach leads to more successful, fulfilling careers (and better client outcomes)

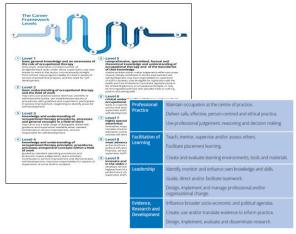




# RCOT resources for professional development support



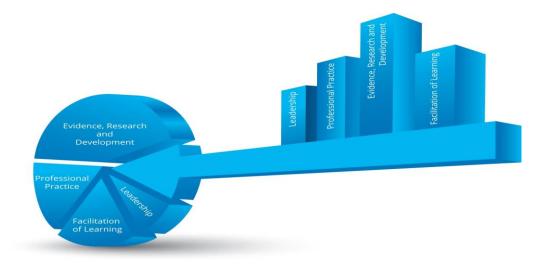






## Whole career development





(RCOT 2017)

RCOT Research and Development Strategy 2019-24



Purpose: to inform, guide and direct the development of research capability and capacity in the occupational therapy profession in the UK, and the quality and impact of the associated research outputs.

Vision for research: within the next decade, a UKwide culture which embraces engaging in and with research as every occupational therapist's business will become embedded within the profession.

Spectrum of research engagement: from working actively with existing research evidence, to participating in the development of the evidence base, along which every occupational therapist and worker can find a place and progress support



# Review of code of ethics and standards

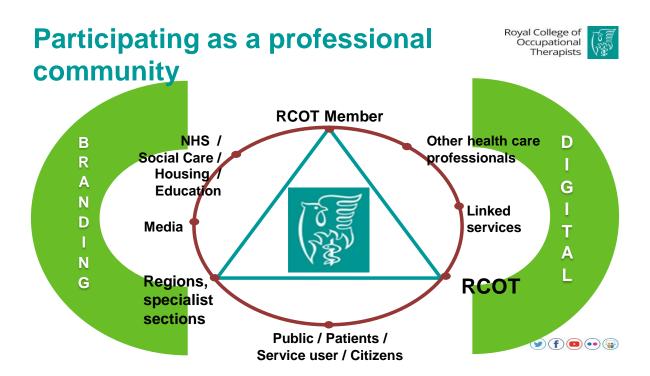


For the first time, RCOT are combining the *Professional Standards for Occupational Therapy Practice* and the *Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct*.

# Professional Standards for Occupational Therapy Practice, Conduct and Ethics







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# PARN Workshop - Session One Responding Individually

Please review the survey results that have been placed on your tables.

These are the results of the PARN Public Opinion Survey.

In your tables consider the results of the profession you have been given and answer the following questions:

- 1. What is surprising?
- 2. What would you do as a result of these perceptions?



#### PARN Workshop – Session Two Responding as a sector



#### Remember a Charity

#### 200 Charities join forces to raise awareness of legacy giving

- World's first 'charity-powered' search engine and public awareness campaign showcasing the pivotal role of charities in addressing life's biggest challenges.
- <a href="https://www.rememberacharity.org.uk/">https://www.rememberacharity.org.uk/</a>

#### Remember a Charity Week

- 'pass on something wonderful'
- Supported by Len Goodman
- Solicitors & will writers display campaign materials & encourage clients to consider charitable donation in wills
- Part of Institute of Fundraising



#### **Professions-wide Promoting Initiatives**

#### **Professions for Good**

Initiated by Louis Armstrong former CEO of RICS Incorporated 2012; dissolved 2016 Initial enthusiasm of around 12 large professional bodies Problem of sustaining funding & Louis Armstrong death

#### **Professions Week**

Different but overlapping set of large professional bodies
Based on voluntary efforts of a few key individuals and supported by their professional body
November 2014 and 2015, then organising team disbanded



## Consider the following

- 1. What would you do collectively to promote professionalism, if money was no object?
- 2. What are the barriers to collectively promoting professionalism?
- 3. Considering these barriers, what are the next steps the profession could take to collectively promote professionalism?
- 4. How could PARN help with this?

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#proudtobeprofessional
Raising the profile of the profession
Debbie Larner - CIH

#### Why now?



Ministry of Housing. Communities & Local Government

- After Grenfell fire: focus on improving standard, skills, qualifications and regulation of people working across the life cycle of a building
- Hackitt review: focus on professional bodies to develop a cohesive framework of professional competencies
- Social housing green paper: recognised the need for "professionalism" and greater 'customer service culture' within the housing sector
- Counter populism agenda: which debunks the value of the expert and evidence bases





## Professionalism - the change we want to see



- We need to generate a sense of **public pride** in social housing
- We need to see housing as a profession of choice to attract and retain the best people
- We must raise profile of housing as a profession **challenge perceptions** that housing has become unprofessional
- We have a responsibility to tackle **stigma** (both internally and externally) challenge each other, reflect on own behaviour, think about the consequences
- We should be seen of equal credibility and status as other professional partners we work with
- We should all operate in a manner that raises the bar brings back trust and accountability for our knowledge and behaviours

#### Vison for the profession



#### Our vision is to create a profession where housing professionals:

- are recognised and valued for their knowledge, skills and behaviours
- have the expected standards of knowledge, skills and behaviours to deliver the best services for their customers
- use their expertise to add value and change lives
- are committed to be a force for change across the sector
- play a key role in creating a future in which everyone has a decent, secure and high-quality place to call home

#### We will do this by:

- creating a professional standards framework of shared values and characteristics than enables housing professionals to build and maintain the trust and credibility
- ensuring our products and services are designed to ensure that housing professionals achieve and maintain the very highest standards of operational, strategic and ethical competence whatever their role.
- demonstrating the value of professionalism for both individuals and employers
- supporting housing professionals ensure the decisions they make have a **long-term**, **positive impact**

#### Is housing a profession?



What we

Difficult to articulate what we do – no single word like "lawyer" or "doctor"

hear:

People don't necessarily understand what "housing" is

Behaviours may not always be suitable – adding to the stigma

We don't really identify as a coherent group – role of the professional body?



#### The role of the professional body



Develop, support and promote professional standards

Provide a platform for CPD

Set standards for ethical practice

Challenge poor conduct

Provide knowledge and skills

Provide independent and unbiased advice

Provide a collective voice for members

Influence government policy in an independent way

Change/ improve organisational practice

Speaks for the whole profession

#### Characteristics of a profession



- Requires strong intellectual skills
- Provides an essential service
- Requires training and education
- Allows autonomy in decision making
- Identifies professional standards of behaviour
- Assumes individuals are responsible for their own actions and decisions
- Involves a confidential relationship between practitioners and customers/ clients
- Acts predominately in the public interest

#### Why is this important?

- Enhances the "brand" of housing
- Credibility = external investment and influence
- Provides a powerful collective voice
- Increases our reputation among other professions
- Enables a common purpose
- Strong heritage of common knowledge, skills and behaviour = consistency
- Engenders respect

#### What are we doing?



- Wider messaging on the importance of the housing profession and the value of being a housing professional
- Host a professional standards framework (PSF) that will set out nationally recognised core characteristics that underpin what it means to be a housing professional in today's world and build on throughout their career.
- Develop our CPD (professional development) platform to support housing professionals develop the right knowledge, values and behaviours and continue with professional development

#### Professional standards framework



- Set the professional standards that individuals are expected to meet as housing professionals
- Describe the core principles, characteristics and skills identified with professionalism
- For members and non-members to use/refer to
- **™**metacopobility
- Allows individuals to identify CPD needs and tailor content to support this
- Based on self-assessment/ peer-assessment
- Sets a benchmark for employers to support recruitment, development and retention

#### Professional principles



#### A professional person:

- Has high standards of conduct
- · Acts in the public interest
- Exercises reasoned judgement in the application of their knowledge
- · Has an understanding of what is right
- Is current and up-to-date in their knowledge
- Demonstrates passion, drive and commitment
- Is motivated by a social purpose

- · Has a commitment to a set of values
- Pursues opportunities to test insight, develop new approaches and innovate
- Enables their own and others' continuous professional development
- Reflects on their experiences, seeks feedback and actively applies learning
- Understands the limits of their expertise
- Possesses and uses specialised knowledge

#### Professional characteristics



#### Knowledgeable

A housing professional has relevant and up-to-date knowledge to make the decisions and deliver the best customer service for their tenants. They understand the bigger picture and passion and commitment for continuous learning

#### Inclusive

A nousing professional acts in an inclusive and fair manner and builds good relationships and work collaboratively and inclusively with the partners, customers and communities to achieve better outcomes.

#### Integrity

A housing professional acts with integrity underpinned by lived values and they challenge themselves and empower others

#### Advocate

A housing professional acts as an ambassador for the sector and profession and demonstrates the ability to adapt to new ideas, situation and change.

#### **Ethical**

A housing professional acts in an ethical manner and makes decisions by applying principles and values consistently.

#### Leader

A housing professional demonstrates leadership and is forward thinking and create opportunities. They find solutions to improve outcomes for their organisation, customers and communities.

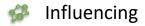
#### Professional skills



- Communication
- Digitalworking
- Problem solving
- Collaboration

Resilience

- Partnership working
- Evidence based decision making
- Assertiveness



Customer/ tenant focus



#### Why this matters......



#### For employers:

#### For individuals:

Assurance and confidence that staff will do the right thing

Relevant and up-todate knowledge and skills Compliance with legal, regulatory and statutory expectations

Competency provides assurance for residents

Ethical working practices

Confident and competent decision making Professional recognition and status

Continuous learning and improveme nt Promotion and career development opportunities

Improved knowledge, skills and behaviours Credibility

Confident

decision

making

among peers and partners



#### Pandoras box.....



- Routes to membership
- Expectations of chartered and fellow members
- Training and qualifications
- Code of conduct and code of ethics
- Content collation and curation
- CPD measurement and offer
- Products and services
- Practice what we preach....



Timeline	Chartered Institute of Housing
Testing the knowledge skills and behaviours	Oct – April 2020
Defining and understanding the user journey	Jan – April 2020
Developing the platform	Jan - June 2020
Collating content to support framework	Jan-March 2020
Test the platform	March – June 2020
Curate content	March – August 2020
Launch online framework	Sept 2020
Launch assessment modules	Jan 2021



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