

Our role is to protect the public.

We are the regulator for 15 health and care professions in the UK.



How do you protect the public?

We do this by setting standards for the education, training and practice of health and care professionals in the UK, to help ensure that they deliver safe and effective care.

We keep a register of health and care professionals, known as 'registrants', who meet our standards and we can take action, which may include removing their right to practise, when they don't meet these standards.

Who do you regulate?

We regulate over 350,000 professionals, across 15 professions across the UK. This includes:

Arts therapists
Biomedical scientists
Chiropodists / podiatrists
Clinical scientists
Dietitians
Hearing aid dispensers
Occupational therapists
Operating department practitioners

Orthoptists
Paramedics
Physiotherapists
Practitioner psychologists
Prosthetists / orthotists
Radiographers
Speech and language therapists



Why is your role important?

When people need to access health and care services, they should be assured that the person providing those services is competent and will deliver safe care.

Our role ensures that any health and care professional using a protected title – such as paramedic – must be registered with us and meet our standards. This means the public can place their trust in the health and care professionals we regulate.

Watch a short animation to learn more
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