

PRESS STATEMENT
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**2011 Health & Social Care Bill
proposes more independence and new powers for CHRE**

The Government's Health & Social Care Bill announced today proposes to make the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence more independent of government and to give it additional powers. If these proposals are approved by Parliament, CHRE will in future:

- Oversee the regulation of social work professionals in England
- Set standards and quality assure voluntary registers of other professional groups connected with health, care and well-being
- Quality-assure appointments to the health professional regulators' councils.

Our name will change to the Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care. CHRE will be funded through a levy on the professional regulators.

CHRE will assume these new roles in addition to its present responsibilities which are to:

- Promote the health, safety and well-being of patients and the public in the regulation of health professionals
- Scrutinise and oversee the work of the nine regulatory bodies that set standards for training and conduct of health professionals
- Share good practice and knowledge with the regulatory bodies
- Conduct research and introduce new ideas about regulation to the sector
- Monitor policy in the UK and Europe and advise the four UK government health departments on issues relating to the regulation of health professionals.

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Access full details of the Health & Social Care Bill
<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/healthandsocialcare.html>

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