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Dear Ms Meyrick,

Registration Rules and Fitness to Practise Rules

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Care Council for Wales' consultation on the development of Social Care Wales' rules, which I have the pleasure to do on behalf of the United Kingdom Homecare Association (UKHCA).

The enclosed paper responds to the issues that you have raised. Please do contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,



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Response submitted by UKHCA for Care Council for Wales' consultation on Social Care Wales' Registration Rules and Fitness to Practise Rules

1. Do you agree with the Social Care Wales (Content of the Register) Rules?

Yes. UKHCA is in agreement with Care Council for Wales on the Social Care Wales (Content of the Register) Rules.

One area which there may need to be further clarification is section 3(1)(e) in which the term "degree course" is used. Given the variety of approved training programmes available to potential social care workers, that are not necessarily degrees, it could be suggested that "degree" is too narrow a word.

Perhaps "course" as used in s 84 of the Act or, as you describe them in section 2(1), "a social work qualifying programme" would be a more accurate description and would also allow for greater flexibility when drafting guidance. This applies also to section 4(1).

We do notice that Care Council for Wales includes "degree course" in section 2(1) of the draft Social Care Wales (Registration) Rules 2017. If it is your intention to maintain "degree course" in sections 3 and 4 of the draft Social Care Wales (Content of the Register) Rules, we suggest you include "degree course" in the Interpretation (section 2) of the Content of the Register Rules – or at least provide further clarification in future guidance on the reason for the term "degree course" being used.

2. Do you agree with the Social Care Wales (Registration) Rules?

Yes. UKHCA is in agreement with Care Council for Wales on the Social Care Wales (Registration) Rules.

3. Do you agree with the Social Care Wales (Registration Appeals Panel) Rules?

Yes. UKHCA is in agreement with Care Council for Wales on the Social Care Wales (Registration Appeals Panel) Rules.

4. Do you agree with the Social Care Wales (Investigation) Rules?

Yes. UKHCA is in agreement with Care Council for Wales on the Social Care Wales (Investigation) Rules.

However, there is an important omission. According to s 123(2)(c) of the Act, Social Care Wales must give notice to employer(s), among others, when there is an onward referral to a fitness to practice panel. This is omitted in section 4(2) of the Social Care Wales (Investigation) Rules and should be included.

5. Do you agree with the Social Care Wales (Interim Orders) Rules?

Yes. UKHCA is in agreement with Care Council for Wales on the Social Care Wales (Interim Orders) Rules.

6. Do you agree with the Social Care Wales (Panel Constitution) Rules?

Yes. UKHCA is in agreement with Care Council for Wales on the Social Care Wales (Panel Constitution) Rules.

7. Do you agree with the Social Care Wales (Fitness to Practise Hearings) Rules?

Yes. UKHCA is in agreement with Care Council for Wales on the Social Care Wales (Fitness to Practise Hearings) Rules.

8. Do you have any further comments on the proposed developments?

None.