

CNHC News

April 2016

- **NICE opens consultation on draft guideline for low back pain and sciatica**

NICE has published its draft guideline for low back pain and sciatica. The draft includes mention of a number of disciplines relevant to CNHC and CNHC will be responding to the consultation.

If you wish to respond to you need to be part of an organisation that registers as a stakeholder. Organisations can register here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/stakeholder-registration>

The recommendations can be seen here: [Non-specific low back pain and sciatica: management - NICE guideline short version draft](#). The draft guidance will update existing guidance that was published on low back pain in 2009 ([NICE Guideline CG88](#); May 2009). Full details of the consultation can be found here: [Low back pain and sciatica : Draft guidance consultation](#)

Deadline for responses is 5 May 2016.

- **Scottish Government updates guidance on complementary and alternative medicine**

The Scottish Government has updated its guidance about complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). The revised guidance provides information to all NHS Boards, Special Boards and Health and Social Care Partnerships in Scotland about the Professional Standards Authority's accredited registers programme. The update follows a meeting held in December 2014 between representatives of CNHC and the Scottish Government where the update of the HDL was discussed.

The new guidance (DL (2016) 06) was issued to update the earlier Health Department Letter (HDL) (2005) 37 and states: *"the Scottish Government recognises that complementary and alternative medicines (CAM) may offer some relief to some people living with a wide variety of long term health conditions."* It also makes clear that use of accredited registers such as CNHC's: *"can have a number of benefits for practitioners, patients, contracting organisations and employers; providing reassurance that professionals are subject to a level of appropriate scrutiny."*

The guidance can be viewed on the Scottish Government's website: [Scottish Government DL \(2016\) 06](#)

- **CPD Random Sampling 2016**

CNHC's third random sampling of insurance certificates and CPD logs will take place in May 2016. This involves CNHC asking a random sample of 5% of CNHC registrants to send us copies of their insurance certificate and CPD log for the last full year of registration. This year's sampling will begin on 16th May 2016 and the deadline to return documents will be Monday 13th June 2016.

If you are selected in May you will be contacted direct and asked to send your completed CPD log and insurance certificate for your last full year of CNHC registration. Please do not send these documents to us unless you receive that request.

The full details of the policy and process for the sampling are set out here. [Policy in respect of requirement to provide copies of insurance certificate and CPD log](#). Further details about CNHC's CPD policy can be seen here: [CNHC CPD Policy](#)

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