

- **CNHC registration in demand**

CNHC is finding that increasing numbers of NHS commissioners and employers are requiring their complementary healthcare practitioners to be CNHC registered to enhance public safety.

Jan Wilkinson, Complementary Therapies Co-ordinator for Guys and St Thomas's NHS Foundation Trust said: *"CNHC registration is essential for any complementary practitioners who wish to work for us. This is in line with guidance from the National Cancer Action Team and demonstrates our commitment to meeting national occupational standards."*

Similarly, Jeannie Dyer, Clinical Lead for Complementary Therapies at the Royal Marsden's Markus Rehabilitation Centre commented: *"We added CNHC registration to the specification for therapists working at the Marsden last year. Working as we do with allied health professionals who are of course members of the Health Professions Council (HPC), CNHC registration adds to our credibility."*

Lyn Lamont, Complementary Therapies Co-ordinator for the Cancer Centre, Belfast Health and Social Care Trust agrees. Lyn said the Trust currently employs a team of eight CNHC registered practitioners within cancer care and is due to recruit a ninth: *"As a team we aim to provide evidence based high quality care and ensure patient safety. It's important for us to model best practice to the complementary therapy community and also within the health and social care setting. CNHC registration ensures that the team comply with Trust policy on recruitment of therapists and also the National Cancer Peer Review Programme, Manual for Cancer Services 2008 Complementary Therapy (Safeguarding Practice) Measures."*

Emma George, who was recently employed by Guy's & St Thomas' as an aromatherapist and reflexologist, also sees CNHC registration as a positive thing: *"It helps the complementary therapy profession to progress and develop. It also helps complementary therapies become more integrated with conventional care which is particularly good for practitioners like me who want to work in the health service."*

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