

## **An Update from the Professional Standards and Education Committee**

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Since March the impact of the COVID pandemic has had a major influence on the Professional Standards and Education Committee agenda, with regular committee discussions around the impact on student placement availability and accredited course structures. In November 2020 the Chair, Joy Tweed, and EPS officer Lizanne Steenkamp, met with the National School for Healthcare Science to discuss the continued impact on the current cohort due to complete in the summer of 2021.

The Committee has also reviewed the proposal for the RCCP application pathways and supported their implementation in the new database system introduced in October 2020. This involved a review of English language requirements and the committee recently agreed the mechanism for determining this. The PSE committee moved to online meetings in March 2020. One upside is that we have seen an increase in attendance and with good discussion, informed by first-hand experience within hospital trusts and HEIs. We thank all of the committee members for their continued involvement, despite the impact of COVID on work commitments.