

Transfer FAQ's

Contact Information

Who should I now contact? Please contact your respective organisation as normal. RCCP Admin (01905 885350 / rccpadmin@rccp.co.uk) or AHCS (01455 244640 admin@ahcs.ac.uk)

Any queries regarding the transfer should be directed to Janet Monkman, Chief Executive and Registrar on janet.monkman@ahcs.ac.uk.

Reason for Transfer

Why has the RCCP become a wholly owned subsidiary of AHCS? We are excited to work together in the interests of patient safety, public confidence and provide clarity for professionals, the profession, employers and educators.

Background Information

What does the Academy for Health Care Science (AHCS) do? The AHCS is the overarching body for the whole of the Healthcare Science professions.

The AHCS maintains a PSA accredited register of a range of healthcare science disciplines including clinical physiologists. It also maintains directories designed for groups who are at an early stage of the journey towards registration. It works with the National School for Healthcare Science (NSHCS) to accredit education and training programmes. Like the RCCP, it sets standards and holds its registrants accountable to its standards through its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements and its Fitness to Practise process.

The AHCS is approved by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) as an education provider for the STP equivalence route. The successful completion of this route provides an individual with eligibility to apply for HCPC registration as a clinical scientist.

Patients

How will this affect me? The transfer will improve public safety by maintaining and strengthening the contribution registration makes to ensuring public safety.

Who should I contact regarding raising a concern about a registrant? Please contact the appropriate register to raise a concern.

How will my Fitness to Practise Case be affected? All Fitness to Practise cases will continue as normal via the standard processes held by each respective register.

Registrants

Will there be any changes to my registration? No



I am registered with both RCCP and AHCS, should I deregister from RCCP? No. The registers will remain separate for now and once renewed, your registration will continue as normal.

What change will I see? Initially none, we will keep you up to date about future plans over the coming months.

Will I incur additional or higher costs for my annual renewal fees? No

Will the registers become one? The two registers will initially continue to run alongside each other for a period of time. We will keep you updated over the coming year of developments with respect to merging the two clinical physiology registers.

How will I know about upcoming developments? Any news will be circulated in emails, newsletters, as well as being posted on our websites and via social media. Please follow us for further instant updates.

	Website:	Social Media:
AHCS	www.ahcs.ac.uk	
RCCP	www.rccp.co.uk	

How will the change affect Fitness to Practise cases? All Fitness to Practise cases will continue as normal via the standard processes held by each respective register.

What will the transfer mean for M-level registrants? M-level registration with the RCCP will no longer continue and clinical physiologists are advised to consider applying for the Certificate of Equivalence via the AHCS. The Certificate of Equivalence was introduced as an assessment pathway that allows clinical physiologists and practitioners in other healthcare science disciplines to demonstrate how their training, qualifications and/or considerable professional experience meets the level required for registration as a clinical scientist. Successful completion of the Certificate of Equivalence allows a practitioner to apply for registration as a clinical scientist with the HCPC.

The RCCP will reimburse the application fees of existing M-level registrants who decide to apply for the AHCS Certificate of Equivalence before the **31st of March 2022**.

What will the transfer mean for Chartered Scientist Registration? Clinical physiologists' continued ability to undertake post qualifying postgraduate education and training and/or, where applicable, apply for registration as a Chartered Scientist, would be unaffected. Interested applicants are advised to contact their professional body and/or the Science Council.

Higher Education Institutes

How will accreditation be affected? Accreditation will not be affected and will continue as normal, via the current processes held by each respective register.

Professional Bodies

What changes will we see? Initially none, we will keep you up to date about future plans over the coming months through the Advisory Council and the Professional Standards and Education committee.

Staff and Board Members

How will staff and the RCCP Board be affected? All staff will transfer across and will retain their current roles and responsibilities. The RCCP Board will reshape to include AHCS members, who will join the Board from 31st May 2021.

What are the Key Changes? Paul Burgess, RCCP Chair has retired. Janet Monkman, will act as both AHCS and RCCP's Chief Executive and Registrar.

Will there be any vacancies? We will assess resource requirements and will post job opportunities on our website and social media.

The Future

What will happen next?

A newly structured RCCP Board will operate alongside the existing board of the AHCS. This Board will retain all RCCP Directors with the exception of the retiring Chair of the RCCP – Paul Burgess MBE. New AHCS Directors will be added and the AHCS Chair John Stevens will Chair this newly constructed Board.

The new RCCP Board will over the period 2nd June 2021 to 31st March 2022 carry out a strategic review of all activities as it looks to bring all RCCP and AHCS activities together and its looks to the future in terms of development opportunities. It will also consult with the Advisory Council on the views of the Professional Bodies as it moves forward.