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Date of Meeting:	21 July 2016
Title of Paper:	Report Back from the Health Practitioners Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Brenda McDonald, Chair
Is a decision required? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

1. The Committee met on Wednesday 13 April 2016.

Member Access to Information

2. The Committee was joined by Jane Hughes who presented the Member Access to Information project.
3. The Committee discussed how the project would help them to communicate directly with Health Practitioner members in their country/region.

Committee Ways of Working

4. The Committee was joined by Gill Cort, Chair of Governance Support Committee, to discuss the Health Practitioner constituency and ways to improve how the Committee works.
5. There was a separate report on these discussions on the April Council agenda.

Working with Countries and Regions

6. Paul Vaughan, Regional Director and the Country and Regional Staff link, joined the meeting to discuss what changes could be made to improve how the Committee and the staff links work together across the UK.

Employment Relations Department Update

7. There was a discussion on the new National Living Wage and the impact on healthcare assistants, particularly in the independent sector.
8. The Committee reported back their experience of staff leaving because of wage changes.

Congress 2016

9. The Committee discussed their roles at Congress 2016; the voting rota, how the Committee would support the fringe events and workshops being run for HP members and the resolution on the agenda about the nursing associate role. The response to the Top Tips project was also discussed.

Professional Update

10. Tanis Hand gave her professional update which covered the nursing associate consultation, apprenticeships and the RCN's plans for developing leadership courses for HCAs. The committee was asked to consider topics for inclusion in future learning and development for HP members.

Health Practitioners Committee Elections

11. The Committee agreed to adopt the country/region split used for the elections of the other UK Reps Committees.

Date of Next Meeting: 25 August 2016