

INPTRA Regulation Profile
Country: United Kingdom

Regulatory Model

Legislation gives powers to a regulatory authority which is independent of government.

Model Description

The Health Professions Council (HPC) regulates physiotherapists in the UK. The titles 'physiotherapist' and 'physical therapist' are protected by law, so that only an individual registered with the HPC is able to use those titles in the UK. The HPC sets standards for the physiotherapist's training, competence, conduct, character and health. The HPC checks and monitors the pre-registration training that individuals complete before starting work within the profession, to make sure that physiotherapists meet the appropriate standards. The HPC can take action to protect the public if physiotherapists do not meet the necessary standards, including removing the physiotherapist from practice. Once registered, physiotherapists must undertake ongoing professional learning relevant to their area of practice, which is called Continuing Professional Development (CPD). A sample of physiotherapists are contacted every two years to check that they are undertaking CPD and meeting the standards set by the HPC.

Website

<http://www.hpc-uk.org/>