

Healthcare regulation: deciding when statutory regulation is appropriate

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About Sue Ryder

Sue Ryder supports people through the most difficult times of their lives. For over 65 years our doctors, nurses and carers have given people the compassionate and expert care they need to help them live the best life they possibly can. We take the time to understand what's important to people and give them choice and control over their care. We see a future where our palliative and neurological care reaches more communities; where we can help more people begin to cope with bereavement; and where everyone can access the quality care they deserve.

The role of the Public Standards Authority (PSA)

- *Do you agree or disagree that a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the risk of harm to patients is the most important factor to consider when deciding whether to regulate a health or care profession?*

Our response: We **agree** that a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the risk of harm to patients is the most important factor to consider when deciding whether to regulate a health or care profession.

- *Do you agree or disagree that proportionality, targeted regulation and consistency should also be considered in deciding whether to regulate a health or care profession?*

Our response: We **agree** that targeted regulation and consistency should be considered when deciding whether to regulate health or care professions.

Regulated and unregulated professions

- *Whether, when considering the criteria for regulation, any regulated professions no longer meet the test for regulation and should no longer be regulated?*

Our response: We believe from the currently regulated professions there are none that shouldn't be regulated, and that all regulated professions continue to meet the test for regulation.

- *Whether any unregulated professions meet the criteria for regulation and should be statutorily regulated?*

Our response: We believe that Assistant Practitioners (Care) meet the criteria for regulation and should be subject to statutory regulation. They have a high level of skill through their experience and training and deliver high quality, patient-centred care across our centres.

Removing a profession from statutory regulation

- Do you agree or disagree that the currently regulated professions continue to satisfy the criteria for regulation and should remain subject to statutory regulation?

Our response: **We agree** that the current regulated professions continue to satisfy the criteria for regulation and should remain subject to regulation.

- Do you agree or disagree that currently unregulated professions should remain unregulated and not subject to statutory regulation?

Our response: We believe that unregulated professions that hold the same or very similar responsibilities should be regulated, as per our response on Assistant Practitioners.

Therefore **we disagree** that current unregulated professions should remain unregulated and not subject to statutory regulation.

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