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Please find our following submission regarding the review of the HPCA Act. We have on commented in regard to questions 35 and 36. Ambulance Paramedics intend to seek recognition under the Act in 2009 following this review.

- 35. How do you think the current number and mix of professions and authorities is operating and what, if any, changes do you think should be made?

It has proven to be very complex for additional health professions to achieve recognition under the Act. The key barrier to additional health professions achieving registration is the need to establish an Authority. There has been a general reluctance by existing Authorities to encompass new health professions under their auspices. Additionally the MOH has clearly expressed its discouragement for new health professions establishing a plethora of Authorities to meet this requirement.

- 36. Are the provisions for adding new professions or health services working and what, if any, changes would you make?

We believe there is a need to establish an Authority that can encompass a wide range of small health professions in the same way the Health Professions Council (HPC) operates in the United Kingdom. (<http://www.hpc-uk.org/>)

The table below from the HPC website demonstrates the wide and varied range of health occupations in the UK that have sought registration – to date 13 have been successful.

We believe this clearly demonstrates the need for the Ministry of Health to recognise that this gap exists within the current system and to consider how the review of the Act may contribute to addressing this issue into the future.

Organisation	Profession/Practitioners
Acupuncture Regulatory Working Group	Acupuncture
The Alliance of Private Sector Chiropody & Podiatry Practitioners	Foot Health Practitioners
Artists in Mental Health	Artists in Mental Health
Association of Child Psychotherapists	Child Psychotherapists
Association of Dance Movement Therapists	Dance Movement Therapy
Association of Operating Department Practitioners	Operating Department Practitioners

Association of Osteomyologists	Osteomyologists
Association of Professional Ambulance Personnel	Ambulance Practitioners, Advanced Ambulance Practitioners and Ambulance Technicians
British Academy of Audiologists	Audiology
British Association for Counselling & Psychotherapy	Counselling & Psychotherapy
British Association of Hearing Aid Audiologists	Hearing Aid Dispensers
British Association for Nutritional Therapy	Nutritional Therapy
British Association of Play Therapists	Play Therapists
British Association for Psychoanalytic & Psychodynamic Supervision	Psychotherapists & Counsellors
British Association of Sports Rehabilitators & Trainers	Sports rehabilitators & trainers
British Confederation of Psychotherapists	Psychotherapists
British Orthopaedic Association	Orthopaedic Technicians
The British Psychological Society	Applied Psychologists
British Society of Clinical Hypnosis	Hypnotherapy/Clinical Hypnotherapy
British Society of Echocardiographers	Echocardiography
British Association of Tissue Banking	Tissue Banking
Cambridge Society for Psychotherapy	Psychotherapists & Counsellors
College of Health Care Chaplains	Health Care Chaplains
The College of Psychoanalysts UK	Psychotherapists & Counsellors
The Commission for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence	Healthcare Assistants in the Prison Service
Confederation of Analytical Psychologists	Psychotherapists & Counsellors
Craniosacral Therapy Association of the UK	Craniosacral Therapists
Diabetic Retinopathy	Diabetic Retinopathy
Hospital Play Staff Education Trust	Hospital Play Staff
Institute of Medical Illustrators	Clinical Photographers/Videographers/Illustrators
Institute of Sterile Services Management	Sterile Services Managers
Institute of Maxillofacial Prosthetists & Technologists	Maxillofacial Prosthetic Technicians
International Society of Professional Counsellors	Psychotherapists & Counsellors

National Association of Assistants in Surgical Practice	Surgical Care Practitioners
National Sports Medicine Institute of the United Kingdom	Exercise & Sports Care
The Nutrition Society	Nutritionists
Orthotic Research & Locomotor Assessment	Gait Analysis/Gait Laboratory workers
Regional Laboratory for Toxicology	Toxicologists
Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists	Clinical Physiologists
The Royal College of Surgeons of England	Surgical Care Practitioners
The Society of Clinical Perfusion Scientists	Clinical Perfusion Scientists
Society of Health Advisers in Sexually Transmitted Diseases	Health Advisers in Sexually Transmitted Diseases
The Society of Sports Therapists	Sports Therapists
Society of Vascular Technology of Great Britain & Ireland	Vascular Technologists
Sports Massage Association	Sports Massage Therapists
Thrive	Horticultural Therapists
The Trichological Society	Trichologists
United Kingdom Association of Sonographers	Sonography
UK Council for Psychotherapy	Psychotherapists & Counsellors
UK Council for Health Informatics	Health Informatics
United Kingdom Voluntary Register for Public Health Specialists	Public Health Specialists
Voluntary Register of Clinical Technologists	Clinical Technologists
Voluntary Registration Council	Healthcare Scientists