

PR statement

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Appointment of Lead Accreditation Officer of the British Acupuncture Accreditation Board

Nina Paterson has been appointed to succeed the long-serving Harriet Lansdown as Lead Accreditation Officer of the British Acupuncture Accreditation Board (BAAB) from early January 2023 onwards. As such she will be working closely with the rest of the BAAB team, including Vivien Shaw, the Accreditation Officer.

We are delighted to welcome Nina to our midst as she is an established leader in both the health and higher education community. She has a wealth of parallel experience to bring to the post, following the very positive and modernising lead accreditation role for the BAAB played by Harriet over the years.

Nina has for a number of years been the Education Lead and, more recently, Interim Assistant Director, Workforce and Education, at the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP), where she has worked since 2004. In these roles she has been responsible for programme recognition, advising the Quality Assurance and Enhancement Panel, linking with physiotherapy education providers to develop and deliver contemporary programmes fit for CSP recognition. She also represented the profession in dealing with high-level external stakeholders.

She has wide experience in managing committees, validations and quality assurance processes, having worked closely with over seventy higher education providers running pre- and post-registration programmes across the United Kingdom. She is a great believer in both a strategic approach and partnership working when implementing accreditation standards at national level – regularly liaising with other health and social care professional and regulatory bodies in the process.

Qualified to Master's level, Nina has guest lectured on a number of different pre- and post-registration health programmes on subjects such as compassionate leadership and professional ethics. She is also an ILM, ICF and EMCC recognised executive and business performance coach working mostly with leaders within the higher education and health sector, as well as having very helpful experience of budgetary management commensurate with her new role.