

PRESS RELEASE

In response to the Professional Standards Agency's report on 'Rethinking regulation', Dr Pallavi Bradshaw, Senior Medicolegal Adviser at MPS said:

"The PSA has raised important points about the impact of regulation on the profession and the need to ensure that it is proportionate, transparent and easily accessible. This report is a good starting point for a debate on regulation of healthcare.

"In our experience, the number of regulators creates confusion and repetition, and we agree with the PSA that the regulators should use current tools more effectively and in a targeted, proportionate way instead of resorting to creating new regulation. Increasing regulation and guidance can be burdensome and can create a 'tick box' mentality which may detract doctors from the primary task of providing quality care to their patients.

"We are pleased that the PSA has acknowledged the impact regulation can have on individual registrants. A survey we conducted of more than 600 members revealed that 85% had experienced mental health issues, with 54% citing high levels of regulation and scrutiny as a factor."

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Notes to Editors

PSA, Rethinking regulation: <http://www.professionalstandards.org.uk/footer-pages/news-and-media/latest-news/news-article?id=962f5b9e-2ce2-6f4b-9ceb-ff0000b2236b>