

# Why gain recognition via Equivalence?



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- Evidence and recognition of your
- hard work
- experience
- skills
- achievements



# 2 main areas of benefit of registration:

1. Reassurance to service users/patients



2. Career development



# 1. Reassurance to service users and patients:

- “Clinical Scientist” and “Biomedical Scientist” are protected titles in the UK.
- Registration can only be achieved by HCPC approved routes
- Clinical Scientist – STP/ Equivalence
- Registration demonstrates commitment to maintaining standards of education, competence and conduct.



# Registration promotes patient safety

- The HCPC can take action if registrants do not meet the required standards.
- HCPC registration is a standard that can be used to satisfy the public/employers that you are practising safely as a professional.
- HCPC registration can be used to support IQIPS Accreditation for the department.



## 2. Career development (profession)

- Registration helps to develop common standards for all healthcare scientist practice.
- Using just one or two protected titles across all healthcare science specialisms increases recognition by other healthcare professionals, employers, professional bodies and the public



Clinical  
Scientist

# Career Development (profession)

- Expansion of roles can be made more easily via regulated groups e.g Patient Group Directives
- The requirement for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) can support access to funding.



# Career development (individual)

- Aligns HCS with other professions eg Registered Nurse
- Some trusts/specialisms have implemented HCPC registration as part of the banding structure.
- Many senior management roles require applicants to be on a statutory register.





# Personal benefit

- Recognition of your own achievements
- Reflecting on your career for the portfolio can be rewarding!



thank you