



# Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

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## Join the CSPRA

The CSP's Retirement Association is a network for those Chartered Physiotherapists and Associates who have decided to stop working yet wish to retain contact with each other and with their profession.

'Retirement' is not something that has to happen at a specific age. Even if you are of an age to receive a state and/or employer pension, you may still decide you want to continue working as a physiotherapist and that is just fine! If, however, you want to stop working entirely, then you can take up retired membership of the CSP and keep in touch with your peers, your profession, and the Society. Find out details here: <https://www.csp.org.uk/join-csp/retiring-soon>

When you decide to stop working as a physiotherapist for whatever reason, don't forget to let the following organisations know:

1. The CSP. We can advise you on your subscription options if you choose to change to a 'retired' membership category. Contact us at: [enquiries@csp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@csp.org.uk)
2. The HCPC. Details on how to deregister are here: <https://www.hcpc-uk.org/registration/leaving-the-register/>
3. CSP Professional Networks. Check if any networks have a category for retired membership, otherwise don't forget to cancel your subscription



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4. Private medical insurers (PMI's). If you undertook any physiotherapy work through PMI's, you must let them know you have retired and deregister from their databases.

Membership of the CSPRA is only available to those no longer working as a physiotherapist or support worker in any capacity at all. It is illegal to work as a physiotherapist in the UK and not be on the HCPC register. You must be registered with the HCPC if you are involved in

- any form of advice and/or treatment of individuals and/or groups in relation to any clinical condition they may have and/or
- the supervision/mentoring/development of pre-registration or post-registration physiotherapists such that these individuals can acquire and maintain HCPC registration.

If you are practising, it is a legal requirement to have appropriate indemnity for your work. The CSP PLI scheme does not provide cover for members working without the required registration and licensing.

### **What should you call yourself once you have retired?**

It's important not to mislead anyone to believe that you are still registered to practise. We suggest using the prefix retired or former before the word 'physiotherapist' or 'chartered physiotherapist' and thus makes it clear that you are no longer practising. You can also continue to undertake any activity that does not require you to be registered to practise such as

- lectures and/or presentations to interested groups and/or organizations about physiotherapy in general – what it is, its history, how it has changed etc. Remember talks must not be related to the specific current advice and/or management of conditions and/or individuals and/or groups of people.
- lectures and/or presentations and/or speaking engagements to individual groups and/or organisations about aspects of an individual's career – i.e. a retired physiotherapist may have had some particular exciting role/achievement/experience that is interesting to share.
- Non-practising career development support to registered physiotherapists. For example, help with CV writing, presentation skills, communication skills. Any support must not involve any form of clinical knowledge or skills as these are considered 'practising' activities and would require the provider of such support to be HCPC registered themselves.



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## You must also make sure that you:

- Do not offer any opinion and/or activity to any individual and/or group that could be construed to be advice and/or management aimed at preventing and/or treating the clinical conditions of any individual and/or group.
- Advise audience members to seek the advice of a practising healthcare-professional if they have any health concerns.

## Membership services you are entitled to as a CSP retired member are:

- **Access to all online member resources**, including your own iCSP network to facilitate peer discussion
- **Frontline magazine** and the CSP **e-bulletin** delivered directly to you
- **CSP plus** where you can recoup the cost of your membership through savings on everyday items
- **Physiotherapy Benevolent Fund** which assists members in times of financial hardship
- Access to services from **Thompson's Solicitors**
- **Local** geographical networks
- Annual general **meeting** with a lecture
- Access to **oral history** and other recordings.

## Contact

For further information about the CSPRA please contact the CSP Enquiries Team on tel: **020 7306 6666** or email: **enquiries@csp.org.uk**

For an informal discussion about the retirement association or joining the CSPRA committee, please email the chair of the CSPRA, Pip Ford, at: **CSPRA21@gmail.com** She is a retired physiotherapist and not a member of CSP staff and therefore cannot answer CSP queries.

