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Who's who in health regulation – episode four of new podcast series

The Medical Council of NSW has launched a new podcast series, with the latest episode shining the light on how regulation works in NSW, how complaints are managed, and practical tips shared by all three regulators on how to cope if a complaint is made about you.

Our host, Dr Martine Walker, GP, hearing member and Medical Advisor for the Medical Council of NSW, sits down with [Medical Council](#) President Dr John Sammut, [Health Care Complaints Commission \(HCCC\)](#) Executive Director of Complaints Operation Tony Kofkin and [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(Ahpra\)](#) Executive Director, Regulatory Operations Kym Ayscough.

This 20-minute podcast breaks down the different roles each regulator plays within NSW, compared to the rest of Australia and how they manage to co regulate across 16 professions.

“Health Professional Councils exist in regulation for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of the public of NSW” explains Dr John Sammut.

Tony Kofkin shares that the HCCC also acts to protect public health and safety by assessing, resolving, investigating and prosecuting complaints about health care, and how its jurisdiction includes not only registered practitioners but unregistered practitioners and health organisations, including private and public facilities.

Kym talks about the role of Ahpra and the 15 national health practitioner boards in the co-regulation of NSW-based practitioners including the development of registration standards, codes and guidelines that support safe practice by registered health practitioners and the receipt of mandatory notifications about practitioners and students.

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