

MACP CEA Annual Report 2025–2026

Committee for Education and Approval

Ross Mallett, CEA Chair | Updated: Sept 2026 for Nov AGM

1. Overview of Year

Summary

This has been a year of significant transition for the CEA. Ross Mallett took up the Chair role from November 2025 following handover from Andrew Cuff. The year has been characterised by:

- Embedding new committee membership and ways of working
- Continued development of portfolio routes, with growing candidate numbers particularly on Route 3
- Active support for HEI routes, including new course validations and ongoing scrutineering
- Restructuring of the Maitland Fellowship Award as the Musculoskeletal Excellence and Innovation Award
- Governance documentation review initiated
- Early engagement with the 2026–2030 Strategy and its implications for education pathways

2. HEI Routes to Membership

Current Programmes

Key developments across the year:

- MMU and Birmingham closed their MACP-accredited programmes – follow meeting with Birmingham re: HDA.
- Liverpool Hope successfully onboarded
- St George's University progressed through scrutineering and accredited
- UoH re-accredited and SHU under process
- Northern Ireland: new course in development but no contact
- QMUL: External Assessor vacancy addressed
- Active conversations with further HEIs regarding accreditation but little interest & few physio leading ACP programmes

Active accredited programmes

- Sheffield Hallam University
- University College London (UCL)
- Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)
- Liverpool Hope
- University of Hertfordshire
- St George's University
- Birmingham HDA route may still be viable (meeting asap in Sept)

Course Leads Day 2026



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- Held online, Friday 26th June 2026, 10am–3pm
- Attendees: course leads from UCL, SHU, Liverpool Hope, Hertfordshire, QMUL; CEA team; guest speakers
- RM presented MACP strategy update — new inclusive career pathway model, membership category changes, associate fee reduction to £50 from October 2026
- Greg Littler (CSP Education Advisor) — CSP reopening post-registration accreditation framework, seeking alignment with professional networks to reduce duplication
- Claire Arditto (NHSE) — enhanced practice apprenticeship under threat due to proposed removal of Level 7 funding; governance gaps and confusion around enhanced/advanced practice frameworks

Membership Conversion Promotional video HEI awareness & outreach	• Neil Langridge (HSU Bournemouth) — new AP MSK placement hub, 150-hour placements, 4:1 model, launching August/September 2026 • Group discussion on HEI marketing — MACP champions concept, regional leads engagement, CSP magazine/conference presence, reciprocal model, engaging younger physios • Sharon Chan-Braddock — portfolio route update: 140 expressions of interest, ~50 enrolled, mostly Route 3; plans for sub-specialty credentials and Route 2+ accelerated pathway • Associate membership fee reduced to £50 from October 2026 • Analysis of HEI graduate conversion rates to full membership shows 2024: 22 new members 11 through HEI, and 20 in 2025 19 through HEI. • Automatic post-course emails promoting HEI routes being introduced (EH/KH) • HEI-specific promotional video ongoing but difficult to sperate from other marketing • Decision made with Rich Stanley (Comms), 21st July 2026: video to sit within a wider professionally guided marketing campaign/strategy rather than being commissioned in isolation • External marketing expertise needed to shape overall direction first; video becomes one output of the broader campaign • QMUL student contacts offered by Simon Lack for student talking heads • All course leads asked to provide details of potential student/graduate contributors • Meeting with Neil Langridge, 21st July 2026: discussed funded/paid support for HEI awareness, marketing and targeted outreach • Outreach concept: target NHS Trusts near universities and near recently closed HEI sites (Birmingham, Manchester) • To be discussed at CEA October meeting; paper to be prepared for next Exec • Proposal to progress a student/pre-reg group — beginning with SHU student (Adam) and extending to other HEIs (RM action from Course Leads Day)
3. Portfolio Routes to Membership	
Overview	Portfolio routes sit within the CEA's governance remit. Full detail in the separate Portfolio Route Update (SCB/CC). Headline figures: • 140+ expressions of interest since launch November 2024; ~50 candidates enrolled • 80–85% on Route 3; positive overall feedback; improvements needed on Routes 1 and 2 • The CEA endorses the Portfolio Route Update and supports the resource requests within it
4. Clinical Mentorship	
Activity	• MCP resources webinar July 2025 (SCB/CC) — good attendance • Mentor study morning September 2025 (CR/ED) • Free CPD course places for mentors/supervisors agreed in principle — process and flowchart being developed (RM) • Long-arm supervision project initiated (ED/NL/Cygnets) — CSP Professional Networks funding application submitted (£10k)

Free CPD for mentors	- Letter to course leads re free CPD courses for mentors sent by KH — deadline 15th September 2026 to review interest: 4 have come forwards - Emma handling manual enrolment through email requests in the interim
5. Education Awards	
2025/26 Awards	- Applications received and completed - Awards now fully competitive across all categories with more applications than available awards
Excellence in Innovation Award	- Formerly the Maitland Fellowship Award — renamed and restructured - Funding increased to £3,000; scope widened to include educational/leadership visits aligned with four pillars of advanced practice - Finalised and published on website; closing date end of July 2026 - Bespoke member email promotion sent (KH) - Suggestion at EC to add Tier 1 organisation partnerships (networks, visits, experiences) to increase award attractiveness
6. AI in Education	
AI Webinar	- AI in education webinar delivered — approximately 90–100 attendees, positive feedback - Follow-up webinar planned in approximately 18 months - Michael Rowe expressed interest in contributing a clinical AI update to future course leads activity
7. Governance	
Documentation Review	- Governance documentation identified as insufficient — HEI validation, placement oversight and external examiner processes - Issues brought into focus by St George's scrutineering and Hertfordshire revalidation - Review initiated by RM; task and finish group to be formed - Meeting with Neil Langridge (21st July 2026) to discuss governance documentation project and potential funding allocation — proposal being developed for EC - RM to write up agreed revalidation process and create FAQ documents drawing on learning from St George's and Hertfordshire - Proposal: commission as focused paid project rather than absorbing into CEA volunteer capacity
8. Strategy Alignment	
2026–2030 Strategy	- CEA elevator pitch presented at EC Meeting 5th June 2026 — four pillars mapped to CEA activity - Strategy shared with course leads at Course Leads Day 26th June 2026 - Membership category expansion (eg. Developing Practitioner/Enhanced/Advanced) being scoped
9. Key Priorities	
Upcoming 2026	- CEA meeting: Monday 12th October 2026 - Course Leads Day autumn 2026 (to be arranged by KH) - Paper to Exec on paid HEI awareness/outreach support - Pursue input into marketing strategy and promotional video - St George's onboarding and EE review of assessment tasks - Route 2+ accelerated pathway exploration?

Horizon

- Free first year membership proposal to EC after graduating HEI route
- Governance documentation project
- Student/pre-reg group development
- Shift in Strategic Priorities: Careers Pathways and Educational routes to support different MACP membership categories.
- Influence and Partnerships
- Review of CEA roles – EA role in accreditation or roles for new membership routes
- Discussion of Portfolio pathway and approval against IFOMPT standards