



VCNZ update – 9 September 2016

Janet Eden, who has been the Veterinary Council's Chief Executive/Registrar for 9 years, is stepping down at the end of the year. She is leaving a Council that is in great shape which means it's going to be business as usual while we search for her replacement.

Janet says she's achieved all she set out to do when she came into the role. Her legacy is an organisation that operates efficiently and transparently. Janet can be very proud of what she's achieved in the time she's been in charge. She has built up confidence in the organisation and competence within it.

Her achievements include making sure that the high standard of veterinarians is maintained by putting in place systems for dealing with poor performance through collegial support and education rather than what she calls the 'blunt stick' of discipline. She has also beefed up ways the Council can support vets with health issues and introduced a notification system as a quicker alternative to the formal complaints process.

Most significantly she has worked tirelessly to make sure the Council meets all of its obligations under the Act while building the policy framework and the strong office team needed to support this.

Janet will be missed but her great work means a more robust and resilient Council and a smooth transition for her successor.

Nick Twyford
Chair