Chapter 1
Professionalism in paramedic practice

Glossary

Academic integrity: Honesty, responsibility and rigour in scholarship and research, including avoidance of cheating or plagiarism.

Fitness to practise: Fitness to practise means to practise in a safe, competent, knowledgeable way, demonstrating a professional attitude through behaviour, so that the public are protected.

Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC): The professional statutory regulatory body for paramedics in the UK.

Paramedic professional identity: Paramedic professional identity involves being able to practise with honesty, integrity and trustworthiness, and with knowledge and skill. It includes demonstrating a commitment to the paramedic profession, and being accountable and responsible for one’s own actions (and omissions) through exercising evidence-based practice and professional judgement.

Professionalism: Knowledge skills and attitudes expected from a person on a professional register.

Role model: A role model is a person who demonstrates good practice and whose behaviour is replicated by others.