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# Registration: the expression of a standard

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Our Objective:

To promote public confidence in  
forensic practice in the UK

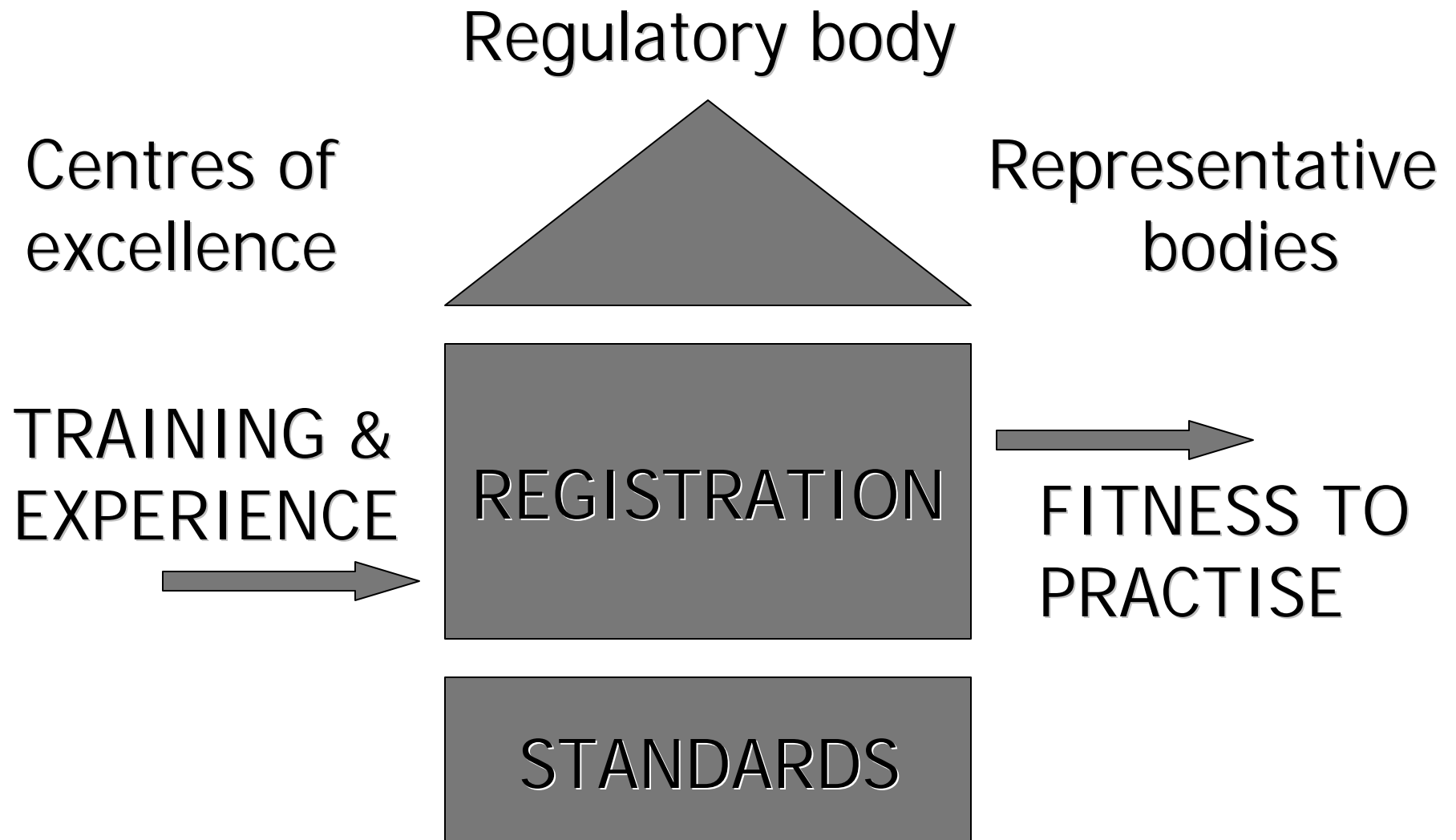
## How will we achieve this?

- publish a register of competent forensic practitioners
- ensure through periodic revalidation that forensic practitioners keep up to date and maintain competence
- deal with registered practitioners who fail to meet the necessary standards

An instructive way of looking at regulation is to see it as a contract between public and profession, by which the public go to the profession for medical treatment because the profession has made sure it will provide satisfactory treatment. Such a contract has the characteristic of all freely made contracts - mutual advantage

Registration is not just a bureaucratic  
process.

It is the expression of a standard.



- *Knowledge* - what the professional knows
- *Skills* - what the professional can do
- *Attitudes* - the kind of person the professional should be

## Fit for the Job

- at graduation?
- with experience?
  - on the day of registration?
    - today?



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