

Health Professions Council 17 September 2010

Members' Register of Interests

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

1. The Health Professions Order 2001 requires the Council to establish and maintain a system for the declaration and registration of the private interests of its members and the members of its committees. To that end, a declaration of interests form was introduced at the inception of HPC and all new Council and Committee members are required to complete the form on their appointment to or by the HPC.
2. If members are participating in Council or Committee business where they might have, or be seen to have, an interest in the outcome or any interest which could otherwise prejudice their decision, that interest should be declared through their declarations of interest form and at the start of each Council and Committee meeting.
3. It has become apparent that other public authorities have adopted a form which provides more comprehensive disclosure with regard to membership of public bodies and declaration of gifts and hospitality and so, in accordance with HPC's commitment to transparency and openness and to ensure that the HPC remains in line with current best practice, a review of the current register of interests form has been carried out.

Proposal

4. Appendix A shows the proposed new register of interests form. As you will see, the proposed paperwork would allow more detailed disclosure relating to membership of bodies, including those to which a member is appointed by the HPC, and a specific area to disclose any gifts or hospitality received by members in their capacity as such.

Decision

5. Council is asked to:-
 - (i) approve the revised declaration of interests as attached at appendix A; and
 - (ii) agree that all members must submit a revised declaration of interests form by 1 November 2010.

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Member:(please print)

Category A: Membership of or Position of General Control or Management of

1. Name of any	Position
a) body to which you are appointed by the HPC:	
b) body exercising functions of a public nature:	
c) body directed to charitable purposes:	
d) body whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union):	
No relevant interest to declare? (please initial box)	

Category B: Remunerated employment

2. Employment or business carried on by you	
Name of person or body who employs or has appointed you, Company/Business, and nature of its business:	Position
No relevant interest to declare? (please initial box)	

Category C: Directorships

3. Directorships in public and private companies including non executive directorships:	
No relevant interest to declare? (please initial box)	

Category D: Shareholdings

4. Details of any shareholdings which gives you a majority or controlling interest in any undertaking:	
No relevant interest to declare? (please initial box)	

Category E: Contracts

5. Description of any contracts for goods, services or works made between the HPC and you or a firm in which you are a partner, or a company of which you are remunerated as a director :

No relevant interest to declare? (please initial box)	

Category F: Gifts, Hospitality and Inducements (please see policy)

Description of gift/hospitality received	Donor	Date

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this is a full and accurate declaration of the private interests that I am required to register. I undertake to review my declaration of interests on an annual basis and notify the Secretary to Council of any changes to my registrable interests as soon as practicable.

Signed:Dated:.....