

Suspension Order

Mr Frank Attwater (Physiotherapist) 4th August 2004

Caution Order

Mrs Barbara Bargh (Radiographer) – 28th July 2004

No Further Action

Mr Geoffrey Fitzgerald (Radiographer) – 24th August 2004
Miss Joanne Richardson (Chiropodist) – 24th August 2004

Restoration

An application by Mr Peter Jellett was allowed on 26th August 2004

Review

A review of a Conditions of Practise order took place on 23rd July 2004.

Unfounded Cases

One case was unfounded

Investigating Committee

Since the last meeting of Council, panels of the Investigating Committee have considered 41 cases and found there was a case to answer in 13 cases and requested further information in 8 cases. There are currently 35 cases awaiting consideration by a panel of the Investigating Committee.

Conduct and Competence Committee

There are currently 48 cases within the remit of the Conduct and Competence Committee. Of these cases, dates for 17 have been set and 7 are awaiting review hearings

Health Committee

There are currently 8 cases within the remit of the Health Committee. Of these cases dates for 3 have been set and 2 are awaiting review hearings.

Interim Orders

Since the last meeting of Council, a panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee has consider 2 applications for an an interim order and imposed one..

Registration Appeals

There are currently 274 active registration appeal cases. Since last meeting of council
65 cases have been reviewed
Legal advice has been taken on 45 cases
20 cases have reached a hearing
27 appeals have been withdrawn
hearing dates for a further 86 appeals have been arranged.

Resources

An international registration officer is currently assisting the Fitness to Practise team on a secondment basis

A new case manager has been appointed and has been in post since 23rd August 2004

A team administrator has been advertised for.

Panel Training

Further two day training sessions have been arranged for 25th and 26th October 2004 and 2nd and 3rd December 2004 where all remaining partners (including ODP's) will be trained. Council Members who have not yet attended a session will also be invited. The statistics for Panel Members used and trained is attached.

Legal Assessors

A review day for legal assessors will take place on 24th November 2004. Feedback from this session will be made available to fitness to practise committees.

Other Information

The team has been reviewing the way FTP/Registration Appeal panels are run and has introduced new systems.

A new filing system has been implemented in the FTP department. The FTP team are working with the IT department to create a tracking system for FTP cases.

Following a review of the FTP/Registration appeals processes, all standard letters have been redrafted and new

practice notes have been drafted and will be submitted to committee's and council for approval.

The team are also working on creating brochures for the FTP processes and will be working towards creating a witness support programme.

The team will also be involved at the partner conference where it is responsible for two break-out sessions.

A member of the team attends an FTP forum at CRHE once a month where fitness to practise representatives from the other 8 health care regulators also attend.

We are also continually mapping our processes. The latest documents are attached.

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