

Health Committee

Matters arising from previous committees

Executive Summary

Introduction

A review of the actions requested by previous Health Committees is attached.

Decision

The Committee is asked to note the actions that have been taken.

Background Information

None

Resource Implications

None

Financial Implications

None

Background Papers

None

Appendices

Health Committee actions September 2008



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Matters arising and action points from previous meetings

	Action point (and location in the minutes)	For the attention of	Action by (date)	Outcome
1.	CHRE Review of the NMC The Committee agreed to recommend the following actions to Council for prioritisation: (1) that the Executive continue to take forward recommendations from within the CHRE report to develop: • systems for the assessment, appraisal and reappointment of HPC panel members;	Director of FtP	Ongoing	ONGOING
	 updating the register so that the conditions of practice were attached to individual registrants' entries; (2) that the Executive continue to gather and evaluate data on timescales of cases, and that this data periodically be presented to fitness to practise committees; 	Director of FtP	Ongoing	ONGOING
	(3) that the Executive continue to give emphasis on the collection and evaluation of data. Item 7.08/37 - 12 Sept 2008	Director of FtP	Ongoing	ONGOING
2.	External review of complaints literature The Committee agreed that the Executive should take decisions for further work as a result of the conclusions of the research into external complaints. Item 8.08/38 - 12 Sept 2008	Director of FtP	Ongoing	ONGOING
3.	Abusive, frivolous and vexatious complaints That the Director of Fitness to Practise be authorised to exercise the power of the Committee to take no further action in respect of any complaint which, in the	Director of FtP	Ongoing	ONGOING

	reasonable opinion of the Director, is frivolous or vexatious. The exercise of this power shall be subject to any policy which has been approved by the Committee on the management of such complaints. In the Director's absence, this power may be exercised by a person nominated by the Director Item 9.08/39 - 12 Sept 2008			
4.	 Handling and purchase of religious books HPC to follow the practices of the Courts within its own hearings process; HPC to have copies of the most common scriptures as they are most likely to be requested by registrants and witnesses attending FTP hearings. FTP already holds several Holy Scriptures of different faiths; Hearings Officers to become familiar with how to handle various scriptures, to ensure no offence is taken when administering the oath; HPC to have copies of the various wordings of the different oaths to be administered according to their scriptures and how these oaths are to be administered; and Notices of hearings should include a statement requesting registrants or witnesses to indicate if they have any preference for a particular holy scripture and further advise them to bring a copy of this scripture to the hearing if their choice is not available. Item 10.08/40 - 12 Sept 2008 	Hearings manager	Ongoing	ONGOING
5.	FtP Chairs liaison group The Committee noted that the annual meeting of the Fitness to Practise Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen had not been held in 2008. The Committee asked the Executive to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting as required. Item 17.08/47 - 12 Sept 2008	Secretary to the Committee	Ongoing	ONGOING