

## **Executive Summary and Recommendations – Time Extensions**

### **Introduction**

The Health Professions Council (Investigating Committee) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 2003 state that a registrant has 28 days in which to provide his or her observations on an allegation made against them. However, Rule 10 of these same rules allow the Chairman of the Committee to provide an extension of time where *he is satisfied that in all the circumstances it is reasonable to do*

### **Decision**

The Committee is asked to authorise persons appointed as HPC Case Managers and the Director of Fitness to Practise to provide a once only 28 days extension of time and to resolve that if any further extension of time is required, reasons for such a request are made to the panel.

### **Background information**

By authorising the HPC Case Managers and the Director of Fitness to Practise to be such authorised persons, a reason for any possible delay is prevented when a panel of the Investigating Committee convene. Furthermore, the case managers and director, by being authorised persons are able to manage cases more effectively

The following statement will be made to a registrant when an extension of time is requested

‘I am authorised to provide you with a further 28 days notice starting [ ] in which to provide your observations to the Investigating Committee. However, if you require any further extension of time you will need to make this request to the chair of the Investigating Committee providing grounds for the reasons for your request.’

### **Resource implications**

None

### **Financial implications**

None

### **Background papers**

The Health Professions Council (Investigating Committee) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 2003

### **Appendices**

None



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