## **Fitness to Practise Annual Report**

The Health Professions Order 2001 states:

44. - (1) The Council shall publish at least once in each calendar year a statistical report which indicates the efficiency and effectiveness of the arrangements it has put in place to protect the public from persons whose fitness to practise is impaired, together with the Council's observations on the report.

(2) The Council shall -

(a) within such time as directed by the Privy Council, submit a report to it on the Council's exercise of its functions during the period specified by the Privy Council; and

(b) thereafter submit such a report once in each calendar year in respect of the period since its last such report.

(3) The Privy Council shall lay before each House of Parliament a copy of the report submitted by the Council under paragraph (2).

The Council is asked to note that the first report on the efficiency and effectiveness of the HPC fitness to practise committees will cover the period 9<sup>th</sup> July 2003 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004.

The report will be published at the same time as the Annual Report and Accounts of the HPC.

Thereafter the report will be published on an annual basis for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.