

Membership of Fitness to Practise Committees

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

Article 19 (2) of the Health Professions Order 2001 (the Order) states that ‘the number of registered professionals on a Practice Committee may, but need not, exceed the number of other members on the Committee and shall not in any case exceed that number by more than one’

The membership of the Fitness to Practise Committees was agreed when the HPC was working as a Shadow Council. As currently constituted the Investigating Committee and the Conduct and Competence Committee do not meet the membership requirements set out in the Order.

Decision

The Council is asked to agree the following;

- (i) that the Executive work with the President to agree a revised membership for both Committees which conforms with the requirements of the Order, taking into account as far as possible the opinions of the Committee Chairmen and current members.
- (ii) that the revised membership should be put to the March 2005 meeting of Council for ratification.

Background information

The Council should note Article 19(1) of the Order which states that ‘the members of each Practice Committee shall include registered professionals and other members, of whom at least one shall be a registered medical practitioner’.

There are currently vacancies on all three Practice Committees for registered medical practitioners. Interviews are being held on 22 December to recruit to these vacancies in accordance with the appointments procedure agreed by Council.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None