

- 7.5 Miss Johnson reported that there were currently 8 cases within the remit of the Health Committee. Of those cases dates for 3 had been set and 2 were awaiting review hearings one of which would be reviewed in March 2005.
- 7.6 Miss Johnson reported that since the last meeting of Council, a panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee had considered 2 applications for an interim order and imposed one.
- 7.7 Miss Johnson reported that there were currently 274 active registration appeal cases. Since last meeting of Council, 65 cases had been reviewed, legal advice had been taken on 45 cases, 20 cases had reached a hearing, 27 appeals had been withdrawn and hearing dates for a further 86 appeals had been arranged.
- 7.8 Miss Johnson reported that an international registration officer was currently assisting the Fitness to Practise team on a secondment basis. A new case manager, Mr Guthrie has been appointed and had been in post since 23rd August 2004. A team administrator had also been appointed who was due to start on Monday 25th October 2004.
- 7.9 Miss Johnson reported that a further three, two day training sessions had been arranged for 25th and 26th October 2004, 2nd and 3rd December 2004 and 12th and 13th January 2005 where all remaining partners (including ODP's) would be trained. Council members who had not yet attended a session would be invited. The statistics for panel members used and trained were noted by the Committee.
- 7.10 Miss Johnson reported that a review day for legal assessors would take place on 24th November 2004. Feedback from this session would be made available to Fitness to Practise Committees at their next meetings.

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- 7.11 The Committee noted that there had been an increase in anonymous letters of allegation received by the FTP department. Miss Johnson clarified that in such scenarios the team had to seek further information from a hospital trust or the police, whichever was the most appropriate route for enquiry. The Committee noted that in a lot of instances, the police did not always automatically submit this information. Miss Johnson and her team would be writing to all Chief Constables throughout the U.K. to explain the purpose and role of the HPC, emphasising the importance of the timely submission of information regarding convictions so that the HPC could take action as appropriate.
- 7.12 Miss Johnson reported that the Fitness to Practise team had been reviewing the way FTP/Registration Appeal panels were run and had

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