HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

Process for the appointment of members to Practice Committees

Introduction

Paragraph 3 of the Health Professions Council (Practice Committees)(Constitution) Rules 2003 provides that the members of each of the three Practice Committees shall be appointed by the Council and that each of those Committees shall consist of not less than nine members appointed in accordance with Paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Health Professions Order 2001.

That paragraph provides that members of each Committee shall be comprised of registrant and other members, one of whom must be a registered medical practitioner, and that the number of registrants on each Practice Committee may not exceed the number of other members on the Committee by more than one.

The three Practice Committees are the:

- Investigating Committee;
- Conduct and Competence Committee;
- Health Committee.

Council policy is to appoint nine members to each Practice Committee and for the composition of each Committee to be:

- 5 registrant or alternate members of Council;
- 3 lay members of Council;
- 1 registered medical practitioner.

Process

- The registered medical practitioners will be appointed using the public appointment process.
- Council members will be asked to nominate themselves, if they so wish, for not more than one Practice Committee.
- In the event that nominations exceed the number of vacancies then members will be selected by means of a draw.
- In the event that there are too few nominations, the vacancies will be offered to Council members who were not appointed to another Practice Committee following a draw.

- If that process does not result in all vacancies being filled, then the President will nominate members of the Council to be appointed to the Committee
- The term of office of Committee members is two years.

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