

**Health Professions Council
Education and Training Committee
Health and Character Declarations**

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

This paper is intended to update the Education and Training Committee on the number of Health and Character Declarations on renewal, admission or readmission to the Register that have been received by the Health Professions Council since June 2005. It is also intended to update the Committee on the number of self-referrals that have been made since that date.

In June 2005 the Education and Training Committee approved the policy that should be adopted by the HPC when it is in receipt of:

- self referrals of health or character issues by registrants
- health and character declarations on renewal of registration
- health and character declarations on application for admission or re-admission to the register

All such declarations are considered by Registration Panels. The role of the Registration Panel is in cases of self referral, determine whether there is a fitness to practise issue needs to be considered and in cases of declarations made on admissions, readmissions or renewal to the register determine whether the issue prevents an admission, readmission or renewal,

The Fitness to Practise department is responsible for this area. Panels have met on 8 occasions. There are 19 open cases.

Decision

This item is for information. No decision is required

Background information

Health and Character Policy approved by the Committee on 14th June 2005.

Resource implications

The Fitness to Practise team has two Case Officers who manage this process

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None

8. Date of paper

19th September 2005