
Investigating Committee - 12 February 2009

Matters arising from previous committees

Executive Summary

Introduction

A review of the actions requested by previous investigating Committees is attached.

Decision

The Committee is asked to note the actions that have been taken.

Background Information

None

Resource Implications

None

Financial Implications

None

Background Papers

None

Appendices

Investigating Committee actions September 2008

Date	Ver.	Dept/Cmte	Doc Type	Title	Status	Int. Aud.
2009-01-09	a	SEC	MIN	Communications Committee Actions from October 2008	Final DD: None	Public RC: None

Investigating Committee

Matters arising and action points from previous meetings

	Action point (and location in the minutes)	For the attention of	Action by (date)	Outcome
1.	<p>CHRE Review of the NMC The Committee agreed to recommend the following actions to Council for prioritisation:</p> <p>(1) that the Executive continue to take forward recommendations from within the CHRE report to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • systems for the assessment, appraisal and reappointment of HPC panel members; • updating the register so that the conditions of practice were attached to individual registrants' entries; <p>(2) that the Executive continue to gather and evaluate data on timescales of cases, and that this data periodically be presented to fitness to practise committees;</p> <p>(3) that the Executive continue to give emphasis on the collection and evaluation of data.</p> <p>Item 7.08/38 - 17 Sept 2008</p>	Director of FtP	Ongoing	ONGOING
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2.	<p>External review of complaints literature The Committee noted and approved the recommendation of the Forum in 8.2 and also agreed that the decisions taken by the Executive should be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>Item 8.08/39 - 17 Sept 2008</p>	Director of FtP	Next meeting of the committee	COMPLETE Paper attached
3.	<p>Abusive, frivolous and vexatious complaints</p>	Director of FtP	Ongoing	ONGOING

	<p>That the Director of Fitness to Practise be authorised to exercise the power of the Committee to take no further action in respect of any complaint which, in the reasonable opinion of the Director, is frivolous or vexatious. The exercise of this power shall be subject to any policy which has been approved by the Committee on the management of such complaints. In the Director's absence, this power may be exercised by a person nominated by the Director</p> <p>Item 9.08/40 - 17 Sept 2008</p>			
<p>4.</p>	<p>Handling and purchase of religious books</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPC to follow the practices of the Courts within its own hearings process; • HPC to have copies of the most common scriptures as they are most likely to be requested by registrants and witnesses attending FTP hearings. FTP already holds several Holy Scriptures of different faiths; • Hearings Officers to become familiar with how to handle various scriptures, to ensure no offence is taken when administering the oath; • HPC to have copies of the various wordings of the different oaths to be administered according to their scriptures and how these oaths are to be administered; and • Notices of hearings should include a statement requesting registrants or witnesses to indicate if they have any preference for a particular holy scripture and further advise them to bring a copy of this scripture to the hearing if their choice is not available. <p>Item 10.08/41 - 17 Sept 2008</p>	<p>Hearings manager</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>ONGOING</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Feedback from panel training</p> <p>The Committee noted the report, and recommended that the feedback, and any further feedback collected should be presented to a future meeting for full discussion.</p> <p>Item 15.08/44 - 17 Sept 2008</p>	<p>Hearings Manager</p>	<p>Next meeting of the committee</p>	<p>Paper attached</p>