

Fitness to practise - Kelly Johnson

High Court Appeals

There are currently 4 cases where a registrant has appeal the decision of a panel of the Conduct and Competence Committee awaiting a hearing date

CHRE

CHRE have recently withdrawn their appeal in a case that they referred to the High Court in accordance with their Section 29 powers

Court of Appeal

The case of Stanley Muscat has been listed for hearing by the Court on 29 or 30 July

Costs

We are seeking the recovery of costs in an appeal that was withdrawn

Investigating Committee

At the end of March there were 279 open cases. 71 of those cases had not yet met the standard of acceptance for allegations

Conduct and Competence Committee

At the end of March there were 177 cases within the remit of the Conduct and Competence Committee

Health Committee

At the end of March there were 5 cases within the remit of the Health Committee

Review hearings

At the end of March there were 90 registrants subject to a suspension or conditions of practice order

Health and character

38 new declarations were received in March. At the end of March there were 59 open health and character cases

Protection of title

44 new complaints were received in March. At the end of March there were 103 open protection of title complaints. We are currently reviewing the reasons for the increase in the number of open complaints

Registration Appeals

17 new registration appeals were received in February and March. These appeals mainly relate to CPD decisions. There are currently 29 open registration appeal cases.

Meetings

CHRE Performance Review
Society of Radiographers
No Secrets Advisory Group
Debbie Hayward and Christian Wells at Yell
Belfast, Edinburgh and Leeds Employer event
British Psychological Society
PKF
Health Professions Crossing Borders Meeting
Northern Ireland Social Care Council
Field Fisher Waterhouse Seminar
Legal IT show
Bond Solon Practitioners Conference
Yorkshire Ambulance Service
Kent police
Customer Service Training Provider
West Ham and Croyden Listening Events
NHS Counter Fraud and Security Management Service
Reading University Statistician
Counsellors and Psychotherapists Stakeholder Meeting
ISA Regulators Meeting
Intensive panel member review

Training

Training has taken place for existing panel chairs and for new practitioner psychologists panel members. Case Team 3 and

the Hearings Team have received training in conflict management. The department have undergone FTP orientation week and new employees of Kingsley Napley have undergone training with the department on the HPC approach to Fitness to Practise.

Resources

Katherine Finn and Padideh Dolatashi joined the department on 1 April 2009 as new Case Managers in Case Team 1. Padideh's position is a new position for 2009-2010 Jason Rowbottom joined the Hearings Team in February as a new Hearings Officer. Beth Shaw has been appointed as the PA to the Director of Fitness to Practise. Hannah Essex leaves the department in May to return to Australia. We hope to advertise for her replacement shortly. We are currently recruiting for a Lead Hearings Officer and an Administration Co-ordinator

Interview for new Panel Chairs took place in April over 3 days with Kelly Johnson, Alison Abodarham and Helen Davis on the panel. We hope to recruit between 5 and 8 new panel chairs as a result