

Consultation Papers received by HPC

The Health Profession Council is receiving numerous Consultation Papers with invitations to respond. Recent examples include consultation papers on the reform of the General Medical Council, the Medicines Control Agency and the draft NHS (Wales) Bill. The relevance of the papers to the HPC varies considerably as does their size.

Procedures for Response

It is recommended that the following procedure is adopted for handling Consultation Papers.

- On receipt all Consultation Papers will be reviewed by the Director of Education and Policy.
- A decision will then be made whether or not a response will be made by HPC. The reason for the decision will be reported to the next Council meeting.
- If required a response will then be drafted and sent to either the Council or a Committee as appropriate for discussion and approval.
- The formal response will be dispatched by the Chief Executive and Registrar.
- Copies of the Consultation Papers will only be sent to Council or Committee members where appropriate. However, copies will be distributed if requested.

Decision

The Council is requested to adopt the recommended procedure for dealing with Consultation Papers and invitations to respond.