

Council Members' Code of Conduct

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The Council's standing orders refer to a code of conduct:

'Codes of conduct - Standing Order 35.

Members shall comply with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council and with the seven principles of public life established by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (the Nolan Principles)'

The Health Professions Council's function as a regulator is to set standards for the health professionals on its Register, and to take action when those standards are not met. As part of being an accountable, transparent organisation, which the public and health professionals can trust, it is important that Council members also have published standards which they commit to, and keep to.

The following document is a proposed code of conduct for Council members.

Decision

The Council is asked to agree the text of the document, and adopt this as its code of conduct.

Background information

If the Council agrees on the text of this document, it will immediately be adopted, and added to the website, and the Council members' information pack.

Subsequently, the Council's standing orders will need to be amended, to reflect this document, and remove some duplication. This will be the subject of a paper to the Council in early 2005.

The Executive also plans to compile a similar code of conduct for HPC partners, for consideration by the Council in 2005.

Resource implications

Staff time in adding information to website, and to Council members' information packs.

Financial implications

None.

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Background papers

None.

Appendices

None.

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