

Executive Summary and Recommendations – Self-referral by Registrants

Introduction

The Standards of Conduct, Performance and Ethics (SCPE) state that a registrant must provide any important information about conduct, competence or health. Registrant's must inform the HPC when they are:

- Convicted of a criminal offence (other than a motoring offence) or accept a police caution;
- Disciplined by any organisation responsible for regulating or licensing a health or social care profession; or
- Suspended or placed under a practise restriction by an employer or similar organisation because of concerns about their conduct or competence.

Decision

The Investigating Committee is asked to approve the paper on Self-referrals and recommend that the Education and Training Committee do the same. The paper will then go to Council for note.

Background information

The Registration Committee at it's meeting on the 13th September 2004 referred a paper on self-referrals to the Investigating Committee. Historically, self-referral cases had been processed as allegations. The procedure could not continue as it discouraged voluntary disclosure of convictions by registrants. A procedure is required which would allow the registrant to seek advice regarding the disclosure of a conviction. This advice would be issued with the warning that a self-referral could be referred to the Investigating Committee.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Background papers

None

Appendices

None

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