Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committees

The Health Professions Council (Practice Committees) Constitution Rules 2003 provide for the Council to appoint the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of each Practice Committee. In addition, a Chairman and Deputy Chairman need to be appointed for the Education and Training Committee and each of the non-statutory committees in accordance with the standing orders of those committees.

The Chairman of the four statutory committees must be HPC Council members (which includes alternates).

Three issues have been identified that need to be addressed which could be resolved as follows:

- 1. so far as possible, a uniform policy should be adopted for all statutory and nonstatutory Committees;
- 2. appointment should be by a majority vote; and
- 3. all appointments should be until the end of the second transitional period.

The Council is requested to:

- Ask the Statutory and Non-Statutory Committees at their next meeting to formulate recommendations for the appointment of their Chairman and Vice Chairman.
- Request the Chief Executive to prepare a report based on the Committees' decisions for the Council meeting on the 11th December.