

**Health Professions Council
Council Meeting – 31 May 2007**

FITNESS TO PRACTISE – JOINT FORUM

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The HPC Fitness to Practise Committees have been considering how best they can organise their meetings in order to make best use of members' time and HPC's resources.

At their April meetings the three Committees considered this issue and agreed to recommend the following to Council;

- i) that each committee would continue to hold four meetings a year
- ii) in April and September all three committees would meet on the same date. The day would start with a joint forum to discuss items of mutual interest which members of all the committees would be invited to attend. Following the completion of this forum, each committee would hold a separate committee meeting at which any recommendations from the forum could be considered and, if thought appropriate, ratified.
- iii) all three committees would continue to meet separately, as per the current meeting calendar twice a year (in November and January).

Decision

The Council is asked to ratify the above decision.

Background information

The joint forum will be an advisory body and will have no decision making powers. Therefore the current HPC Practice Committee Constitution Rules will not have to be amended in order for the above recommendation to be implemented. Meetings of the forum will be held in public and notes of the meetings will be published on the HPC website.

The creation of a single ftp committee with decision making powers would require legislative changes.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None

Appendices

None

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