

## Education and Training Committee –8 June 2010

### Self referrals

### Executive summary and recommendations

#### **Introduction**

The attached paper is intended to provide the Education and Training Committee with an overview of the self referral process operated by the Fitness to Practise Department in line with the Council's Health and Character Declarations Policy.

The CHRE report following their audit of initial decisions which took place in December 2009, recommended that the HPC considers reviewing the approach of the Registration Panel in assessing self-referred allegations to ensure consistency of investigation standards and of decisions within the HPC. Council agreed at its meeting in March 2010 that the Education and Training Committee should be provided with a paper setting out the approach that is taken by the HPC in this area. The attached paper sets out the information and training that is provided to panels, and the revisions made since the CHRE audit.

#### **Decision**

This paper is to note. No decision is required.

#### **Background information**

The Education and Training Committee receives the latest statistics on Health and Character Declarations at each meeting.

#### **Resource implications**

Case Team 3 within the Fitness to Practise Department manage Health and Character cases including Self referrals. Panels meet and consider fitness to practise Investigating Committee cases and health and character cases at the same time. They currently meet 7 times a month.

#### **Financial implications**

None

## **Appendices**

HPC approach to self referrals paper  
Health and Character Policy – December 2008  
Information for Registration Panels  
Template for Registration Panel recommendation  
Health and Character Statistics

## **Date of paper**

25 May 2010