

DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE INTERESTS

The Health Professions Order 2001 requires the Council to establish and maintain a Register of Private Interests and to publish it. See Schedule 1 Part 1, 14(4) (a) & (b).

Those required to make a declaration include Council members, members of committees and sub-committees.

It is therefore recommended that all members should be required to declare any interests or perception of a conflict of interest, which are relevant and material to the Health Professions Council or committee or sub-committee.

It is proposed that interests which should be regarded as " Relevant and Material " are :

- Directorships, including non-executive directorships, held in private companies or PLCs, with the exception of those in dormant companies,
- Ownership or part-ownership of private companies, businesses or consultancies,
- Majority or controlling shareholding in organisations,
- A position of authority in a charity or voluntary body,
- Any connection with a voluntary or other body that may contract with the HPC.

If in doubt about the relevance of an interest this should be discussed with the Chairman.

The HPC is requested to :

- request the Registrar to establish and maintain a Register of Private Interests,
- approve the definition of " Relevant and Material " to be declared,
- require that all new Council members, members of committees and sub-committees complete a Declaration of Private Interests Form and return the Form within one month of appointment to the Registrar and thereafter on an annual basis,
- formally record the Declaration of Interests in the minutes of the Council, committee or sub-committee,
- require that all Council members, members of committees and sub-committees keep their declaration of Private Interests up to date, and
- instruct the Registrar to publish the Register of Private Interests in the Annual Report of HPC and on the HPC web site.