

Council – 29 May 2008

Health and Social Care Bill – Dissolution of the Hearing Aid Council

Executive summary and recommendations

### **Introduction**

The Health and Social Care Bill was amended on 10 April by the Grand Committee of the House of Lords to dissolve the Hearing Aid Council (HAC).

The amendment was moved by Lord Darzi who stated that the intention was to transfer HAC's professional responsibilities to the Health Professions Council in April 2009.

### **Decision**

The Council is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

### **Background information**

Health and Social Care Bill - amendment

### **Resource implications**

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### **Financial implications**

HPC's costs included in 2008 – 2009 operating expenses and capital expenditure budget.

### **Appendices**

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### **Date of paper**

22 May 2008

# Health and Social Care Bill

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AMENDMENTS  
TO BE MOVED  
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[10 April 2008 12:32 pm]

After Clause 117

LORD DARZI OF DENHAM

1 Insert the following new Clause—

*"Hearing Aid Council*

**Dissolution of Hearing Aid Council**

- (1) The Hearing Aid Council is dissolved.
- (2) The Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 (c. 50) and the Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Act 1975 (c. 39) cease to have effect.
- (3) An order under section 162(2) may not appoint a day for the coming into force of—
  - (a) subsection (1), or
  - (b) subsection (2), so far as relating to the profession mentioned in section 60(2)(ca) of the Health Act 1999 (c. 8),unless the following conditions are met.
- (4) Those conditions are—
  - (a) that an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999 (c. 8) (regulation of health care and associated professions) has made provision by virtue of subsection (2)(ca) of that section (regulation of dispensers of hearing aids), and
  - (b) that the day appointed under section 162(2) is not earlier than the day on which the Order in Council, so far as making such provision, comes into force.
- (5) The Secretary of State may by order make provision for the transfer of property, rights and liabilities of the Hearing Aid Council to any relevant regulatory body or to the Secretary of State.

- (6) For that purpose a “relevant regulatory body” is any body which under an Order in Council under section 60 of the Health Act 1999 (c. 8) is responsible for the regulation of the profession mentioned in subsection (2)(ca) of that section.”

**Clause 161**

LORD DARZI OF DENHAM

- 2 Page 106, line 27, after “114,” insert “(Dissolution of Hearing Aid Council),”

**Schedule 8**

LORD DARZI OF DENHAM

- 3 Page 166, line 34, leave out “and”

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LORD DARZI OF DENHAM

- 4 Page 166, line 38, at end insert “and  
 (c) after paragraph (c) insert—  
 “(ca) the profession regulated by so much of the  
 Hearing Aid Council Act 1968 as relates to  
 dispensers of hearing aids.”

**Schedule 8**

LORD DARZI OF DENHAM

- 5 Page 167, line 21, at end insert—  
 “ In paragraph 5 (exercise of power so as to confer and modify functions),  
 in paragraph (a), after “the Scottish Ministers” insert “, a Northern  
 Ireland department”.

**Schedule 8**

LORD DARZI OF DENHAM

- 6 Page 168, line 12, leave out from “to” to end of line 13 and insert “any of the  
 following—  
 (a) the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain,  
 (b) the Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland, and  
 (c) the Hearing Aid Council.”