

### **Appointment of medical practitioners to practice committees**

As indicated in the first item in Committee Minute 03/17, in accordance with the Health Professions Order Paragraph 19(2), Schedule 1, the Council is required to appoint a registered medical practitioner to each practice committee, including the Conduct & Competence Committee. As there is only one registered medical practitioner who is a Council member, it will be necessary for the Council to appoint a suitable person who fits this category.

As members will see from that minute, whilst agreeing that it was appropriate that the Health Committee be required to have a member who was a registered medical practitioner, the Committee questioned the necessity for the Conduct and Competence Committee to do so. It was agreed that this view be put to the next Council meeting, with the **RECOMMENDATION** that the Council discuss this with the Privy Council Office and officials of the Department of Health, with a view to the possible removal of this requirement at a later date.