

The Standards and Requirements are scheduled to be approved by the Conduct and Competence Committee on 19 March 2003.

They will be despatched once approved.

They underpin several of the earlier items on the agenda.

Draft Statement of Good Character, Conduct & Health (Ref. Working Party Minute 02/32)

In Article 21, the Health Professions Order states that

21.—(1) The Council shall—

- (a) establish and keep under review the standards of conduct, performance and ethics expected of registrants and prospective registrants and give them such guidance on these matters as it sees fit; and*
- (b) establish and keep under review effective arrangements to protect the public from persons whose fitness to practise is impaired.*

(3) The Council shall—

- (a) before establishing any standards or arrangements mentioned in paragraph (1), consult the Conduct and Competence Committee in addition to the persons mentioned in article 3(14);*

and in Article 27 states that

27. The Conduct and Competence Committee shall—

- (a) having consulted the other Practice Committees as it thinks appropriate, advise the Council (whether on the Council's request or otherwise) on—*
 - (ii) requirements as to good character and good health to be met by registrants and prospective registrants, and*
 - (iii) the protection of the public from people whose fitness to practise is impaired;*

The Working Party has prepared the attached draft document which it believes meets these requirements and was included as an appendix to the Council's consultation document, and now submits it to the Council with a recommendation that it be approved.