
Response form—consultation on updating the 'Guidance on health and character'

You can use this response form to reply to our consultation on changes to the 'Guidance on health and character'.

We welcome your response to our consultation and have listed six questions to help you. The questions are not designed to be exhaustive and we welcome your comments on any issue related to the changes we are making to the 'Guidance on health and character'.

Each of the questions is listed below, with the relevant references in the consultation document and the revised 'Guidance on health and character'. We have asked whether you agree, disagree, or don't know in response to each question. Please provide reasons alongside your answers in the space provided wherever possible.

The consultation document, including information about our proposals, is available on our website: www.hpc-uk.org/aboutus/consultations/. Once you have completed the form please email it to consultation@hpc-uk.org.

The consultation closes on **Friday 1 July 2011**. We look forward to receiving your response.

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1. Is the guidance clear about what a self-declaration is, and what the implications of making a self-declaration about health are? Could it be improved? If so, how?

See: *Section 2 of the consultation document*

Pages 9-12 of the revised 'Guidance on health and character'

Yes

It may be useful to talk in terms of 'physical and/or mental health' rather than 'physical and mental health'.

2. Is the guidance clear about how a health professional can show insight and understanding into their own health? Could it be improved? If so, how?

See: *Section 2 of the consultation document*

Pages 9-12 and 24-25 of the revised 'Guidance on health and character'

Yes

It may be useful to provide more information about what could be meant by 'appropriately manage any condition' as registrants could be unclear as to what may be expected of them.

3. Is the guidance clear about how the HPC uses information an applicant or registrant gives us about their health? Could it be improved? If so, how?

See: *Section 4 of the revised 'Guidance on health and character'*

Yes

4. Is the guidance clear about what a self-referral about conduct or competence is, and how a registrant makes one? Could it be improved? If so, how?

See: *Section 3 of the consultation document*

Pages 17-20 of the revised 'Guidance on health and character'

Yes

5. Is the guidance clear about how the HPC will use information given to us during the self-referral process? Could it be improved? If so, how?

See: Section 3 of the consultation document

Pages 26-28 of the revised 'Guidance on health and character'

Yes

6. Do you have any other comments on the changes we are making to the 'Guidance on health and character'?

No