

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The rules approved by this Order make amendments to The General Medical Council (Constitution of Fitness to Practise Committees) Rules 1996, The General Medical Council Preliminary Proceedings Committee and Professional Conduct Committee (Procedure) Rules 1988, The General Medical Council Health Committee (Procedure) Rules 1987 and The General Medical Council (Professional Performance) Rules 1997.

The new rules provide for the reference of cases to the new Interim Orders Committee from the various parts of the existing fitness to practise procedures. They also revise and clarify the procedures for the investigation of complaints against doctors relating to convictions or conduct and make certain other amendments to the procedures and constitution of the fitness to practise committees of the General Medical Council consequential on provisions contained in the Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000.