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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 254

The Health Professions Order 2001

PART V

FITNESS TO PRACTISE

PROSPECTIVE

Allegations

22.—(1) This article applies where any allegation is made against a registrant to the effect that—

(a) his fitness to practise is impaired by reason of—

(i) misconduct,

(ii) lack of competence,

(iii) a conviction or caution in the United Kingdom for a criminal offence, or a conviction elsewhere for an offence which, if committed in England and Wales, would constitute a criminal offence,

(iv) his physical or mental health, or

(v) a determination by a body in the United Kingdom responsible under any enactment for the regulation of a health or social care profession to the effect that his fitness to practise is impaired, or a determination by a licensing body elsewhere to the same effect;

(b) an entry in the register relating to him has been fraudulently procured or incorrectly made.

(2) For the purposes of this article references to a conviction include a conviction by a Court Martial.

(3) This article is not prevented from applying because the allegation is based on a matter alleged to have occurred outside the United Kingdom or at a time when the person against whom the allegation is made was not registered.

(4) Rules may provide that where a Practice Committee finds that a person has failed to comply with the standards mentioned in article 21(1), such failure shall not be taken of itself to establish that his fitness to practise is impaired, but may be taken into account in any proceedings under this Order.

(5) When an allegation is made to the Council or any of its committees, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the allegation in the form required by the Council, the Council shall refer it—

(a) where it is an allegation of the kind mentioned in paragraph (1)(b), to the Investigating Committee; and

(b) in any other case—

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- (i) to persons appointed by the Council in accordance with any rules made under article 23, or
- (ii) to a Practice Committee.

(6) If an allegation is not made under paragraph (1) but it appears to the Council that there should be an investigation into the fitness to practise of a registrant or into his entry in the register it may refer the matter in accordance with paragraph (5) and this Order shall apply as if it were an allegation made under paragraph (1).

(7) Hearings and preliminary meetings of Practice Committees at which the person concerned is entitled to be present or to be represented are to be held in—

- (a) the United Kingdom country in which the registered address of the person concerned is situated; or
- (b) if he is not registered and resides in the United Kingdom, in the country in which he resides; and
- (c) in any other case, in England.

(8) While the registration of a registrant is suspended by virtue of a suspension order or an interim suspension order he shall be treated as not being registered notwithstanding that his name still appears in the register but this does not prevent action being taken in respect of such a person as appropriate under articles 22 to 32 of this Order.

(9) The Council shall publish as soon as reasonably practicable particulars of any orders and decisions made by a Practice Committee under article 26(7) or (12), 29(5), 30(1), (2), (4), (6), (7) or (8) or 33 and of its reasons for them and of any decision given on appeal.

(10) The Council may disclose to any person any information relating to a person's fitness to practise which it considers it to be in the public interest to disclose.

(11) In this Part "the person concerned" means the person against whom an allegation has been made.

Commencement Information

II Art. 22 not in force at made date, see [art. 1\(2\)](#)

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- art. 22 coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#) (See transitional provisions in [S.I. 2003/1700](#))
- art. 22(1)(a)(v) words inserted by [2008 c. 14 Sch. 10 para. 15](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. [Sch. 10 para. 15](#) omitted (1.7.2012) by virtue of [Health and Social Care Act 2012 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 306(4), [Sch. 15 para. 75\(4\)](#); [S.I. 2012/1319](#), art. 2(3))
- art. 22(1)(a)(iv) word omitted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 5](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the [Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 \(c. 47\)](#). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by [2012 c. 9, s. 75\(6\)](#), [Sch. 10 Pt. 5](#); [S.I. 2012/2234](#), art. 2)
- art. 22(4) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)

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- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 3-68-10](#)

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- [Sch. 1 para. 1A\(1\)\(b\)\(ia\)](#) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 213\(5\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 19\(10A\)-\(10C\)](#) inserted by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(4\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1\(2A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 17\(1\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1\(5\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 18\(b\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 9\(1A\)\(1B\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 17\(1\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 9\(1C\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 18\(f\)\(ii\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1A\(1\)\(b\)\(ia\)](#) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 26](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1A\(4\)](#) omitted by [S.I. 2013/235 Sch. 2 para. 52](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 16A](#) revoked by [2006 c. 28 Sch. 8 para. 48](#)[Sch. 9](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 17\(1\)-\(2B\)](#) substituted for [Sch. 1 para. 17\(1\)\(2\)](#) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 15\(7\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 para. 1A1B](#) substituted for [Sch. 1 paras. 1-12](#) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 15\(2\)](#)
- [Sch. 1 Pt. 1 para. 16A](#) inserted by [2003 c. 43 Sch. 12 para. 8](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 25-27](#) added by [S.I. 2004/2033 art. 3\(3\)\(f\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 25](#) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 26](#) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 27](#) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- [Sch. 2 para. 3\(4A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2004/2033 art. 3\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- [art. 3\(4\)\(4A\)](#) substituted for [art. 3\(4\)](#) by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(2\)](#)
- [art. 3\(5\)-\(5B\)](#) substituted for [art. 3\(5\)](#) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 1\(a\)](#)
- [art. 3\(5\)\(b\)\(vi\)\(vii\)](#) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- [art. 3\(5\)\(b\)\(vi\)\(vii\)](#) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 11\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- [art. 3\(5AA\)](#) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(3\)](#)

- art. 3(5AA) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 11(3)
- art. 3(5ZA) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(3)
- art. 3(7A) inserted by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 1(c)
- art. 3(17A) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(4)
- art. 6(3)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 267
- art. 6(3)(aa) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 3
- art. 6(3)(aa) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)
- art. 6(3)(aa) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 12
- art. 7(4) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 268
- art. 7(4) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 4
- art. 7(4) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(b)
- art. 7(4) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 13
- art. 9(2)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 12(d)
- art. 9(3A) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 12(e)
- art. 9(3A) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 14(2)
- art. 9(8) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 270(d)
- art. 9(8) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 6(c)
- art. 9(8) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(b)
- art. 9(8) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 14(3)
- art. 9A inserted (temp.) by 2020 c. 7 Sch. 1 para. 2(2)
- art. 10(2)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(d)
- art. 10(4)(aa) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(e)
- art. 10(6) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 271(b)
- art. 10(6) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 7(b)
- art. 10(6) words inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(6)
- art. 10(6) words omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 15(2)
- art. 10(7) inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 13(f)
- art. 10(7) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 15(3)
- art. 11A inserted by S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 14
- art. 11A(11) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 16
- art. 11A(12) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 8
- art. 12(1)(c)(III) coming into force by S.I. 2002/254 art. 1(3)
- art. 12(1)(d) and word inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(7)(b)
- art. 12(1)(d) and word omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17(2)(b)
- art. 12(1)(ba) inserted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 147(2)
- art. 12(1)(ba) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9(a)(ii)
- art. 12(1A) inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 272(b)
- art. 12(1A) omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 9(b)
- art. 12(2)(c) and word inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(8)(b)
- art. 12(2)(c) and word omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 17(3)(b)
- art. 13(1)(c) substituted by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 3(a)
- art. 13(1)(d) words added by S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 3(b)
- art. 13(1B) inserted by S.I. 2012/1479 art. 2(b)
- art. 13(1B) omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 18(3)
- art. 13A inserted by S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 273
- art. 13A omitted by S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 10
- art. 13A title substituted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(5)(a)
- art. 13A heading words substituted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 19
- art. 13A(2) substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(2)
- art. 13A(5) word substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(3)(a)
- art. 13A(5) word substituted by S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 148(3)(b)
- art. 13B inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 215(9)
- art. 13B omitted by 2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 20
- art. 14(ba) inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(4)
- art. 14(ba) omitted by S.I. 2022/1216 reg. 3(b)
- art. 15A15B inserted by 2012 c. 7 s. 218(5)

- art. 15A omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(4\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 15B omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(5\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 17(3A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(7\)](#)
- art. 17(3A) omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(7\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 18(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(8\)](#)
- art. 18(1A) omitted by [S.I. 2018/893 reg. 41\(8\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment comes into force on the date that 2017 c. 16, s. 39(1) comes into force. That provision is brought into force on 2.12.2019 by S.I. 2019/1436, reg. 2(b))
- art. 19(2A)-(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 274](#)
- art. 19(2A)-(2D) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 11](#)
- art. 19(2A)(b) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(10\)](#)
- art. 19(2A)(b) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 21](#)
- art. 22(1)(a)(vi)(vii) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 5](#) (This effect comes into force on the coming into force of s. 44(1) of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 (c. 47). S. 44(1) was repealed without ever being in force on 10.9.2012 by 2012 c. 9, s. 75(6), Sch. 10 Pt. 5; S.I. 2012/2234, art. 2)
- art. 26(6A) inserted by [2015 c. 28 Sch. para. 6\(3\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 275](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 12](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(aa) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(2\)](#)
- art. 37(1)(ab) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(a\)](#)
- art. 37(1A)(1B) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(1B) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(3\)](#)
- art. 37(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2014/1887 Sch. 1 para. 16\(c\)](#)
- art. 37(5A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 9\(b\)](#)
- art. 37(5A)(a) words inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(2\)](#)
- art. 37(5A)(a) words omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(4\)](#)
- art. 37(8A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(4\)](#)
- art. 37(8A) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 23\(6\)](#)
- art. 38(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2007/3101 reg. 276\(b\)](#)
- art. 38(1A) omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 13\(b\)](#)
- art. 38(1A)(c)-(e) inserted by [S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 149\(2\)](#)
- art. 38(1B) inserted (temp.) by [2020 c. 7 Sch. 1 para. 2\(4\)](#)
- art. 38(1ZA) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(5\)](#)
- art. 38(1ZA) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 24\(2\)](#)
- art. 38(5) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 216\(7\)](#)
- art. 38(5) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 24\(4\)](#)
- art. 39(1A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 215\(12\)](#)
- art. 39(1A) omitted by [2017 c. 16 Sch. 5 para. 25](#)
- art. 40(3) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#) (See transitional provisions in S.I. 2003/1700)
- art. 40(3) coming into force by [S.I. 2002/254 art. 1\(3\)](#)
- art. 42(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 12\(a\)](#)
- art. 42(3)(3A) substituted for art. 42(3) by [S.I. 2009/1182 Sch. 2 para. 12\(b\)](#)
- art. 44A inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 219\(1\)](#)
- art. 45(3A) inserted by [2012 c. 7 s. 218\(11\)](#)
- art. 49 inserted by [S.I. 2016/1030 reg. 150](#)
- art. 49 omitted by [S.I. 2019/593 Sch. 8 para. 14](#)