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PART 3

Fitness to Practise Panels

General objectives of fitness to practise panels

15.—(1) The general objectives of a fitness to practise panel in carrying out its functions in relation to fitness to practise proceedings and interim orders proceedings are—

- (a) to protect, promote and maintain the health, safety and well-being of the public;
 - (b) to promote and maintain—
 - (i) public confidence in social care workers, and
 - (ii) a high standard of conduct and practise among social care workers; and
 - (c) to deal fairly and justly with the case.
- (2) Dealing with a case fairly and justly includes—
- (a) dealing with the case in ways which are proportionate to the importance of the case, the complexity of the issues, the anticipated costs and the resources of the parties;
 - (b) avoiding unnecessary formality and seeking flexibility in the proceedings;
 - (c) ensuring, so far as practicable, that the parties are able to participate fully in the proceedings;
 - (d) using any special expertise of the panel or SCW effectively;
 - (e) avoiding delay, so far as that is compatible with a proper consideration of the issues.