

General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 2008

Consultation Questions

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Response form

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The GMC (Constitution) Order 2008

Consultation Questions

Composition of the Council

Q1: Do you agree that the GMC should consist of 12 registrant members and 12 lay members?

Support **YES**

Not Support ()

Unsure ()

Comments

The College notes and agrees that the Order makes no provision for changing the balance without further public consultation and amendments submitted to Parliament and the Privy Council.

The College also notes that the application process for appointment to the Council seeks information on country of residence. The College is concerned that this could imply or result in a “quota” by devolved nation; it is important that members of the GMC Council are appointed on merit.

Terms of office of members

Q2: Do you agree that the Privy Council should determine the duration of the term of office of each GMC member, on appointment?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Q3: Do you agree that no member should hold office for more than an aggregate of 8 years during any period of 20 years?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Q4: Do you agree that service as a member since 1st January 2005 should be included in aggregating a council member's service?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Education and training of members

Q5: Do you agree that the GMC should have the flexibility to make arrangements for the provision of education and training of Council members with another body?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Disqualification for appointment as a member

Q6: Do you agree with the reasons for disqualifying a person from appointment as a member of the GMC? If not, please specify which reasons you disagree with and explain why.

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Removal and suspension of members from office

Q7: Do you agree with the reasons given for removing or suspending members from office? If not, please specify which reasons you disagree with and explain why.

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Appointment, term of office and cessation of office of the chair

Q8: Do you agree that the Chair of the GMC should be elected from among the members of the council?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Q9: Do you agree that the term of office of the Chair should be determined by the GMC?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Q10: Do you agree with the reasons why a member should cease to be chair?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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Q11: Do you agree with the transitional arrangements in respect of the first chair of the GMC in 2009?

Agree **YES**

Disagree

Unsure

Comments

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Deputising arrangements in respect of the chair

Q12: Do you agree with the deputising arrangements in respect of the Chair?

Agree **YES**

Disagree

Unsure

Comments

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Quorum of the GMC, effect of vacancies on the validity of proceedings etc.

Q13: Do you agree that the quorum of the GMC should be 14?

Agree **YES – but see comment below.**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

The College agrees the quorum should be 14 but seeks confirmation of the split between registrant and lay appointed members. The Order appears silent on this point. The College believes there should be a reasonable balance of lay and registrant members at all meetings and proposes a minimum of 6 of either group within the minimum quorum of 14.

Q14: Do you agree with the provisions that prevent GMC proceedings being invalidated?

Agree **YES**

Disagree ()

Unsure ()

Comments

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