



Council
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Medical Assessors' Fees

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| Classification | Public |
| Purpose | For decision |
| Issue | Approval by Council of the fees to be paid to the recently appointed medical assessors. |
| Recommendation | To agree the fee structure for Medical Assessors set out in paragraph 5. |
| Financial and resourcing implications | The medical assessors costs are contained within the Regulation Department fitness to practise budget. |
| Equality and diversity implications | None |
| Communications implications | None |
| Annexes | None |
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Background

1. Council appointed nine new Medical Assessors at its meeting on 29 January 2014. The appointments were the culmination of a process which was agreed by the Remuneration and Appointments Committee in January 2013.
2. Medical assessors are used to advise the Investigating and Health Committees, as well as the Council when considering registration appeals. On very rare occasions they are also asked to conduct examinations and prepare a report. They are used infrequently and as a result there is no defined payment regime for their work. Up until the recent appointments rates have been negotiated with the previous Assessors on a case-by-case basis.
3. The Remuneration and Appointments Committee (RaAC) agreed fees for Medical Assessors at its meeting on 27 March and Council is now asked to endorse its recommendations.

Discussion

4. Prior to making its recommendation the RaAC considered: the fees paid in other regulators for similar work; the 'going rate' for carrying out medical examinations; and the fees paid to Legal Assessors.
5. The RaAC recommends the following fees for Medical Assessors:
 - a. £600 per day of hearing
 - b. £250 for a medical examination and £250 for a report.

In both cases the sum excludes VAT where applicable.

Recommendation: to agree the fee structure for Medical Assessors set out in paragraph 5.