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The Chair
Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Consultation Paper – Proposed arrangements for information sharing and privacy. Our preferred approach in respect of some of the proposals presented are outlined below.

Proposal 1 Employer Details

Option 2 which empower the boards to require practitioners with information as necessary is preferred.

Proposal 3.4.1 Identity Checking

Option 1 is preferred requiring identity checks for all new registrations post 2010 is preferred.

3.8 Workforce Planning Data

The concept of including workforce planning data items in the mandatory re-registration process is supported. With regard to proposal 3.8.3 it is considered that any party with a legitimate requirement for workforce should be able access the data, subject of course to specified privacy and other considerations.

Proposal 4.2.1 Deregistered Practitioners

Option 4 is preferred whereby practitioners deregistered for conduct reason are noted on the register. There may need to be a time period specified for how long the entry remains on the register in these cases.

Proposal 4.6.2 Public Access to findings of formal proceedings

Option 2 is preferred whereby Boards have the power to determine that certain decisions or aspects of decisions should remain confidential.

Yours Sincerely

Tony Sansom
SECRETARY