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Complaints Arrangements Submission

Attention: Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee

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Re: Consultation Paper on Complaints

Thank you for asking the RCPA to comment on the above.

The College has a number of comments and questions:

1. The document does not indicate the identify arrangement for persons sitting on panels/committees and tribunals.
2. Notice of decisions of hearing panels and tribunals proposal 9.7.1 states that a notice may be given to other organisations such as overseas authorities etc. The medical colleges have recently gained approval from Australian State and Territory medical boards to receive notifications of adverse findings against one of their Fellows when it is possible to ascertain the discipline of the medical practitioner. This is very important to ensure colleges are also able to take appropriate action with their Fellows/Trainees. We would request provision for this to continue.

Yours sincerely,



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