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Updates

Part Heard Cases

Please remember that where cases end part heard, priority must be given to arranging reconvened dates at the earliest opportunity taking into consideration only the doctor's and the panel's availability. New case listings or other commitments should not delay the conclusion of a hearing that has already commenced.

IOP Matters

Adjournments – reference to case law

When considering adjournments it is important that where case law is referred to this is relevant to the IOP, as the role of the IOP is different to the role of the FTP.

IOP determination templates

We have reviewed the 'Drafting determination guidance for IOP' further to recent case law raising concerns that some determinations appear to be formulaic. In order to support the drafting of determinations we have produced some supplementary IOP determination templates that would be beneficial for panel secretaries and panellists to use. From 4 March 2013 we will pilot the use of these templates through a small group of panel secretaries initially in order to review their effectiveness. The panel secretary will confirm on the morning of the hearing day if they are using these templates. In order to ensure that determinations are relevant to the specific details of each case we would advise that

no additional 'standard' information should be included beyond that set out detailed in the template and that all additional information is purposefully tailored to the case being considered.

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