

MPTS statutory committee

Responsibilities

The purpose of the MPTS Committee is to ensure:

- The delivery of a hearings service that demonstrates efficiency and effectiveness.
- The appointment of tribunal members (including chairs) and that appropriate systems for the appointment, training, assessment and, where required, the removal of tribunal members are in place.
- The appointment of legal assessors and case managers and that appropriate systems for the appointment, training, assessment and, where required, the removal of case managers are in place.
- Maintenance of a system for declaration, registration and publication of Committee members' private interests.
- Consideration of matters by a medical practitioners tribunal or interim orders tribunal.
- High quality standards of decision-making by medical practitioners tribunals and interim orders tribunals are maintained.
- High quality standards of case management by case managers are maintained.
- The setting and maintenance of guidance for MPTS tribunals, case managers, and legal assessors, as required.
- That the MPTS applies the equality and diversity strategy and policies of the GMC.
- Notification of medical practitioners tribunal and interim orders tribunal decisions as required by the Medical Act.
- Effective liaison with all users of the hearings service provided by the MPTS.
- An annual report which meets the requirements of Section 52B of the Medical Act 1983 as amended.
- The approach to improving the quality of decision making by tribunal members.
- The development of the quality and timeliness of the service provided by the MPTS.
- The approach to the recruitment, training, performance management and continuous professional development of tribunal members, case managers, and legal assessors.

- Other general matters relevant to the MPTS as may be directed by the MPTS Chair.

The Chair of the MPTS is accountable to the General Medical Council through the Chair of the GMC's Council. The Chair reports to Council twice a year on the work of the MPTS to fulfil the statutory duties for which it is accountable to the Privy Council.

The report summarises the performance of the MPTS during the previous reporting period, and the work of the MPTS Committee.

MPTS is also required by statute to submit an annual report to Parliament, via the Privy Council. The report will summarise the performance of the MPTS during the past year, including a description of the arrangement that the MPTS has put in place to ensure that it adheres to good practice in relation to equality and diversity.