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Cc: Tribunal Clerks
Medical Defence Organisations

Updates to the restrictions banks

As you will be aware, some changes to the restrictions banks are due to come into effect as a result of responding to feedback to ensure the banks are clear. From 1 April 2019 the new conditions, undertakings and glossary of terms will be used in all MPT and IOT hearings (new and review cases) and all reviews on papers. The new restrictions banks will apply to all hearings reaching the sanction stage on or after this date.

All new conditions and undertakings will be formulated based on the new versions and the new version of the glossary will apply.

Reviews on the papers

For any reviews on the papers taking place on or after 1 April 2019, if the LQC considers that a further order of conditions is necessary, they should review whether the proposed agreed conditions reflect the changes.

What has changed?

There have been changes to some of the standard wording and terminology we use in our conditions, undertakings and glossary of terms; no new restrictions have been introduced.

Some of the wording has changed across the banks to:

- clarify roles and responsibilities;
- make it easier for the restrictions to be understood;
- make it easier to identify areas of compliance or non-compliance with the restrictions.
For example:

- ‘Approved’ to ‘appointed’ - for example to clarify that it is the Responsible Officer’s responsibility to appoint a clinical supervisor or workplace reporter.

- ‘You must personally ensure...’ - to clarify that the responsibility lies with the doctor to make sure that the GMC has been informed of the required information.

- Breaking down the restrictions - for example by listing each requirement separately within a restriction.

A separate factsheet has been provided for doctors.

**Keeping the banks up-to-date**

We will continue to review the banks and if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at TribunalDevelopmentSection@mpts-uk.org. Your comments can then be taken into consideration the next time we are reviewing the restrictions banks.

Kind regards

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