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Risk Management Statement

1. The GMC has formal risk management processes in place to identify, assess and manage business risks. Responsibility for overseeing risk management is delegated by the trustees to the Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee has reviewed and endorsed the risk management framework, and obtained assurance from the internal auditors that the arrangements in place are sufficient to ensure that major risks are identified and systems are established to mitigate them.
2. The risk management arrangements involve identifying risks to achieving our business objectives; prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence; ensuring that appropriate actions are taken to mitigate them; and monitoring and reporting on the arrangements in place to mitigate risks. The identification of risks is an integral part of the annual business planning process, with risks identified in relation to each of the GMC's Key Aims.
3. Major risks are monitored regularly by the Chief Executive and directors.
4. The Audit and Risk Committee receives reports on the risk management arrangements at least twice a year. In February 2008, and July 2008 the Committee considered and endorsed the progress made in implementing recommendations made by the internal auditors for improving the risk management arrangements, and reviewed the Major Risk Register.
5. The internal auditors reviewed our risk management arrangements again in November 2008. They concluded that our risk management arrangements provide substantial assurance and are adequate to meet the requirements of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2005. They made further recommendations for the continued improvement of the risk management arrangements. Good progress has been made in implementing the auditors' recommendations.