Professor Louis Appleby: Roles and responsibilities

In November 2015, Professor Louis Appleby was appointed by the GMC to provide independent advice on what changes could be made to its investigations procedures to reduce the stress and impact they can have on doctors – particularly those with health concerns.

The roles and responsibilities for his role are set out below:

1. To have responsibility for overseeing the GMC’s review of its approach to investigating concerns about doctors with health problems.

2. To work with Anna Rowland, Assistant Director, Policy, Business Transformation and Safeguarding, and her team to review the current process and develop proposals for improvements.

3. To jointly host a stakeholder event in Spring 2016 to present these proposals for discussion and to assist the GMC in finalising these proposals for consideration by its Strategy and Policy Board and Council later in 2016.

4. To provide input and thoughts around the GMC’s wider reforms of the fitness to practise process for all doctors.

5. To work independently and with integrity to maintain the confidence of all key interest groups.

Timeline of work

December 2015 - January 2016: Familiarisation with GMC processes and meeting with key internal and external contacts

February - March 2016: Working with the GMC to develop proposals for change

April 2016: Jointly host stakeholder event to seek
feedback on proposals

May 2016

Further refinement and finalising of proposals for consideration by the GMC’s Strategy and Policy Board and Council later in 2016.