

UK Advisory Forums

Statement of Purpose

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of the UK Advisory Forums (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) is to provide advice to the GMC so that its activities and policies are of equal use and effectiveness across the UK. The forums provide the GMC with a platform to share its thinking on priorities and key challenges with key interest groups and delivery partners; and an opportunity to discuss with interest groups and partners any issues that they wish to raise in the context of the GMC's work in their area.

Duties and activities

- 2 The UK Advisory Forums will help the Executive to support Council's role in ensuring that the organisation has effective engagement with interest groups, and that its policies are suited to the context in all parts of the UK. The forums will advise the Chief Executive by:
 - a Providing a structured setting for the GMC leadership to engage in discussion on medium and long-term priorities with key interest groups.
 - b Enabling sharing and discussion of GMC policy developments at an early stage.
 - c Enabling sharing and discussion of key interest groups' views on issues to be addressed.
 - d Encouraging identification and discussion of areas of interest that may lead to future work.

Membership

- 3 The UK Advisory Forums will consist of representatives of key interest groups and delivery partners in each geographical context.

- 4 Each of the forums will be chaired by the GMC's Chair of Council (or the Chief Executive should the Chair be unavailable). Other members of the GMC's governing Council, and GMC staff, will also be invited to attend.

Working arrangements

- 5 Each UK Advisory Forum is expected to meet twice a year (once each in 2013). They will be consultative in style and support shared understanding of the important issues in each country. They are likely to be held in the GMC's devolved offices where facilities are suitable, or in a comparable environment if not. Where possible, use will be made of video conferencing to facilitate staff input (and other meeting attendance, if required).
- 6 Agendas will be a combination of cross-cutting themes that are discussed at all of the forums and devolved issues identified for each meeting. Inputs to the meetings may be in the form of papers or slide presentations, which will be distributed in advance. UK Advisory Forum agendas, papers and discussion summaries will be published on the GMC's website.
- 7 The Secretariat will be provided by the GMC's Devolved Offices and Governance Team.
- 8 The work of the UK Advisory Forums will be reported to the GMC's Strategy and Policy Board, which reports to Council through the Chief Executive.