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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HSE AND THE GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL

A [Memorandum of Understanding](#)  between HSE and the General Medical Council (GMC) has been agreed. It formalises current working arrangements between the two organisations on areas of mutual interest within healthcare in England, Scotland and Wales.

INTRODUCTION

- 1 A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between HSE and the General Medical Council has been issued to formalise liaison arrangements between the two organisations on relevant health and safety issues.
- 2 The MoU has 4 key parts:
 - **Functions of the HSE and GMC** – clarifies the respective regulatory roles and responsibilities to raise awareness of each other's remit;
 - **Referral of matters of concern** – identifies the circumstances in which it might be relevant for either HSE or the GMC to raise an issue of concern with the other organisation. It describes how referrals should be dealt with, and the roles played by the relevant Principal Inspector, and Central Contact Point (Chris Taylor, Health Services Unit, Luton);
 - **Communication and liaison arrangements** – underpins the framework for liaison relationships by agreeing to involve each other, as appropriate, in relevant policy and operational areas of work.
 - **Investigations and Inquiries** – recognises the possibility of coinciding HSE and GMC investigations at either an NHS or independent healthcare provider. Sets out how the two organisations will work together in such events.

ACTION REQUIRED

- 3 Operational Staff should ensure that they are familiar with the working arrangements and of the relevant GMC contacts point.

FURTHER INFORMATION

- 4 Further information can be obtained from Chris Taylor (Ext 508 4228) or Jo Gravell

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