

## The hospital practitioner grade

### Executive summary

HC(79)16 sets out the arrangements for the employment of part time principals in general medical and dental practice within the hospital service. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the circular set out arrangements for:

- establishing and advertising new posts;
- regrading and advertising part time medical or dental officer, senior hospital medical officer/senior hospital dental officer, medical assistant/assistant dental surgeon posts held by general medical and dental practitioners.

The arrangements include a requirement to consult:

- district medical committees, and;
- the Department where there was a proposal to establish a post without advertisement.

This guidance amends these arrangements so that the consultation procedure prior to submission of proposals to establish a post in accordance with paragraph 1 of HC(79)16 need include only:

- the clinical directorate concerned;
- the local Medical Staff Committee or its equivalent;
- the local Medical Committee or, if appropriate, the local Dental Committee.

There is no longer a requirement to consult the District Medical Committee or, where the proposal is to establish the post without advertising, the Department. The professions have agreed these easements.

The other guidance in HC(79)16 remains extant. A copy is enclosed for information.

### Action

Health Authorities should introduce these revised arrangements as soon as possible.

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