

Consultation on remote hearings



16 Nov 2021
to
8 Feb 2022

Introduction



- During the COVID-19 pandemic the GPhC held some fitness to practise hearings remotely by teleconference or videolink
- Undertaking hearings remotely proved to be successful in many ways with increased registrant engagement with the hearing process and largely positive feedback from everyone involved
- This success has demonstrated to the GPhC that remote hearings should also be an option beyond the pandemic
- The GPhC is now seeking a permanent change to its procedural rules to give it the express legal power to conduct hearings by teleconference or videolink in the future
- Views are being sought from stakeholders to help inform the GPhC's long-term approach to remote hearings

The GPhC is seeking views on...

- whether people agree or disagree **that hearings should continue to be held remotely when it is fair and practical to do so**
- the **advantages and disadvantages of holding some hearings remotely** and **any circumstances when a hearing should not be held remotely**
- the **positive and negative impacts of continuing to hold some hearings remotely** on patients and the public, pharmacy professionals and individuals or groups sharing protected characteristics

Take part in the consultation

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Closes
8 February
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