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Dear John

Consultation on the Authority's requirements for 2017/18 in respect of its regulatory oversight and standards functions

The GPhC welcomes the opportunity to respond to this consultation. Please see our responses to the consultation questions below.

1. Do you think that our proposals for our work in 2017/18 are reasonable?

Yes. The proposals set out for 2017/18 appear reasonable and within the scope of the Authority's role in respect of its regulatory oversight and standards functions.

2. Are you aware if any legislative changes for example section 60 orders you are proposing that will impact on the Authority in 2017/18?

No.

3. Do you think that our assumptions regarding the number of section 29 cases we will receive are reasonable?

It is difficult to know, from the consultation document, what assumptions the Authority is making about numbers of section 29 cases, unless it is assumed that the projected rise in FtP cases will produce a corresponding rise in section 29 appeals. We would question whether this is necessarily the case.

Whilst we appreciate the work involved in scrutinising FtP determinations, the PSA has to date only appealed one of the GPhC's final FtP decisions.

4. Do you think our assumptions regarding the recovery of costs are reasonable?

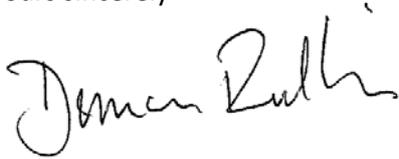
The assumptions appear reasonable and we note they are based on recent data.

5. Do you agree with our proposed budget?

Yes, on the basis that the fees will be used only to fund the statutory functions of regulatory oversight and improvement. We are satisfied with the explanation of budget changes (most notably increase in legal fees and a reduction in rental income due to the end date of a sub-lease).

If you would like to discuss our response further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duncan Rudkin', written in a cursive style.

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