

Annexe 2 - Code of Conduct for Members of the General Chiropractic Council

Corporate Responsibilities

- 1) Members of Council are appointed to perform the statutory duties of the Council set out in:
 - i) The Chiropractors Act 1994 and associated Statutory Instruments.
 - ii) All other legislation which imposes general or specific duties on the Council as a public body and as an employer.
- 2) Members of Council have corporate responsibility for ensuring that the Council complies with any statutory or administrative requirements for the use of its funds.
- 3) The Council is accountable to the public and the Crown through Parliament and the Privy Council.

Duties of individuals

- 4) Members must demonstrate their adherence to the principle of collective responsibility in respect of all decisions made by the Council and by any Council committee or working group to which they may be appointed.
- 5) In respect of advice or recommendation to the Council, Members of the committee or working group concerned should express their individual view as Council Members only when they wish to act on their own conscience in relation to a serious issue arising from the relevant committee or working group's advice. Views on such issues should be expressed in a responsible manner, the Chair of the committee having been notified beforehand.
- 6) Members must make themselves reasonably available for service on the Council and any of its committees and working groups to which they may be appointed.
- 7) Members must ensure that all their decisions and actions safeguard the Council's reputation and maintain public confidence in professional regulation.
- 8) Members must notify the Chief Executive & Registrar if they:
 - a) have been adjudged bankrupt or have made a composition or arrangement with their creditors
 - b) are a person to whom a moratorium period under debt relief order under part VIIA of the Insolvency Act (debt relief orders) applies, or are the subject of a debt relief restrictions order or an interim debt relief restriction order under Schedule 4ZB to that Act (debt relief restrictions order and undertaking)
 - c) have been convicted in a court of law of a criminal offence
 - d) have been found guilty of misconduct by another professional or regulatory body
- 9) When members receive information identified as confidential to the Council, they must observe that confidentiality.
- 10) Members must complete and maintain their entry in the Council's Register of Members' Interest and declare any related party transactions.
- 11) Members must be committed to the development and demonstration of the competencies required for the effective performance of their role on Council and on any of the Council's committees.
- 12) In performing their statutory duties, members must uphold the seven principles of public life - the Nolan principles (attached at Annexe 3).