

## DH Consultation on GMC and GDC Constitutions

### Medical Schools Council Response

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Q1: Do you agree that with smaller councils it should still be possible to ensure that the necessary expertise in organisational governance is secured?

UNSURE

The Medical Schools Council is concerned that for the GMC a smaller council will mean reduced representation from clinical and clinical academic groups and this will limit the ability to be responsive to developments in health, medicine and medical education.

Q2: Do you agree that we should move to a system of appointed chairs rather than elected chairs for both the GMC and the GDC?

UNSURE

The acceptability of having an appointed rather than elected Chair is dependent on the manner in which the Chair is appointed. The Medical Schools Council is also of the view that the Chair of the GMC should be clinical.

Q3: Do you agree that the size of the governing council of the GMC and the GDC should be between 8 and 12 members?

DISAGREE

The Medical Schools Council believes that 8 members is too small to be a fully working Council and that between 12 and 16 members would be more appropriate. Again appropriate inclusion of clinical and clinical academic members is deemed essential.

Q4: Do you agree that it makes most sense to reduce the GMC and GDC governing councils to 8 which is the lowest point in this range? If not, what size do you believe the governing council of the GMC and GDC should be and why?

DISAGREE

We strongly believe that a governing Council with less than 12 members will not provide the necessary range of expertise, will reduce its responsiveness to developments in health, medicine and medical education, and be too small to cope with the considerable workload and responsibility required.

Q5: Do you agree that the quorum of a council should be 50% of the total + 1?

AGREE

Q6: Do you think there are any additional equalities issues that need to be considered?

NO

Q7: Do you have views or evidence as to the likely effect on costs or the administrative burden of the proposed changes?

NO

Q8: Do you think there are any benefits that are not already discussed relating to the proposed changes?

NO

Q9: Do you have any comments on the draft order itself?

NO