#### SCHEDULE 5

Article 41(2)

## Insertion of Schedule 4C

After Schedule 4B insert—

## "SCHEDULE 4C

Section 49A

#### Advisers

## Legal advisers

- 1.—(1) The Council shall appoint persons to be legal advisers.
- (2) Legal advisers shall have the general function of giving advice to—
  - (a) the registrar,
  - (b) the Council,
  - (c) the Investigating Committee,
  - (d) the Professional Conduct Committee,
  - (e) the Professional Performance Committee,
  - (f) the Interim Orders Committee,
  - (g) the Health Committee, and
  - (h) the Registration Appeals Committee,

on questions of law arising in connection with any matter under consideration by a person or body listed in this sub-paragraph.

- (3) No person who has been appointed as the registrar or appointed to the Council or a Committee listed in sub-paragraph (2) shall be appointed a legal adviser.
- (4) Legal advisers shall have such other functions as may be conferred on them by rules, and in particular provision may be made, in relation to any proceedings—
  - (a) requiring a legal adviser, when advising the Council or any of their committees, to do so in the presence of every party, or person representing a party, to the proceedings who appears at the proceedings, or, where advice is given in private, requiring every such party or person to be notified of the advice given by a legal adviser; or
  - (b) requiring every party, or person representing a party, to the proceedings to be notified in any case where a legal adviser's advice is not accepted by the person or body in receipt of the advice.
  - (5) To be qualified for appointment as a legal adviser under this paragraph, a person must—
    - (a) have a ten year general qualification within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990;
    - (b) be an advocate or solicitor in Scotland of at least ten years' standing; or
    - (c) be a member of the Bar of Northern Ireland or solicitor of the Supreme Court of Northern Ireland of at least ten years' standing.
- (6) The Council may pay such fees, allowances or expenses to persons appointed as legal advisers as the Council may determine.

# **Medical advisers**

**2.**—(1) The Council may appoint registered medical practitioners to be medical advisers.

- (2) Medical advisers shall have the general function of giving advice to—
  - (a) the registrar,
  - (b) the Council,
  - (c) the Investigating Committee,
  - (d) the Professional Conduct Committee,
  - (e) the Professional Performance Committee,
  - (f) the Interim Orders Committee,
  - (g) the Health Committee, and
  - (h) the Registration Appeals Committee,

on matters within their professional competence arising in connection with any matter under consideration by a person or body listed in this sub-paragraph.

- (3) No person who has been appointed as the registrar or appointed to the Council or a Committee listed in sub-paragraph (2) shall be appointed a medical adviser.
- (4) Medical advisers shall also have such other functions as may be conferred on them by rules.
- (5) The Council may pay such fees, allowances or expenses to persons appointed as medical advisers as the Council may determine.

## **Professional advisers**

- **3.**—(1) The Council may appoint persons registered in either the dentists register or the dental care professionals register to be professional advisers.
  - (2) Professional advisers shall have the general function of giving advice to—
    - (a) the registrar,
    - (b) the Council,
    - (c) the Investigating Committee,
    - (d) the Professional Conduct Committee,
    - (e) the Professional Performance Committee,
    - (f) the Interim Orders Committee,
    - (g) the Health Committee, and
    - (h) the Registration Appeals Committee,

on matters within their professional competence arising in connection with any matter under consideration by a person or body listed in this sub-paragraph.

- (3) No person who has been appointed as the registrar or appointed to the Council or a Committee listed in sub-paragraph (2) shall be appointed a professional adviser.
- (4) Professional advisers shall also have such other functions as may be conferred on them by rules.
- (5) The Council may pay such fees, allowances or expenses to persons appointed as professional advisers as the Council may determine.".