

General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules (Amendment) Bill

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Provide that an allegation concerning a medical practitioner's fitness to practise may be considered by the General Medical Council irrespective of when the most recent events giving rise to the allegation occurred; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Initial consideration and referral of allegations: removal of time limit

- (1) The General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules 2004 are amended as follows.
- (2) Omit Rule 4(5).

2 Amendment of the Medical Act 1983

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- (1) Section 35CC of the Medical Act 1983 is amended as follows.
- (2) Omit paragraph (5)(a).

3 Consequential provision

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument make further provision consequential on the provisions of this Act. 10
- (2) The power to make regulations under subsections (1) and (2) may (among other things) be exercised by modifying any provision made by or under an enactment.
- (3) Regulations under this section may make transitional and saving provision.

4 Extent, commencement and short title

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- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- (2) This Act comes into force at the end of the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which it is passed.

- (3) This Act may be cited as the General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise) Rules (Amendment) Act 2024.

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