

## **Board Resolution**

As at 30 November 2014, 14 Board members confirmed, that they were all in favour of the amendment to the Investigation Rules by write round. In accordance with General Rule 5iv, the Board has resolved to amend the Professional Conduct Committee Rule 16c from that which was agreed at the Board meeting on 20 November 2014 to the updated version highlighted below.

The Rule as agreed on 20 November was

16c. Hearing Panel shall dismiss the Charge. If it is not, the proceedings shall continue as set out below.

The amended Rule as agreed by the resolution is:

16c. After the evidence against the Respondent has been called the Respondent shall be entitled to submit that he or she has no case to answer. The Board's Solicitor shall be entitled to respond to such a submission. If such a submission is upheld the Hearing Panel shall dismiss the charge. If it is not, the proceedings shall continue as set out below.