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Dear Neil

Rule change application: Disciplinary Tribunal Regulations

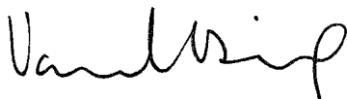
I would like to thank you and your team for your detailed consideration of our recent application to amend our disciplinary tribunal regulations, in particular for the constructive meeting with Dawn Reid on 17 January.

In submitting the application, our intention had been to seek approval only of the substantive changes to the Disciplinary Tribunal Regulations along with a number of less significant changes designed to modernise the drafting of the rules and make them easier to understand. We appreciate that in presenting the application as a request for an entirely new section of the Handbook we were inadvertently seeking approval on some issues (such as standard of proof which as you know is the subject of wider conversations) which in fact are not changing.

Following our discussions, we have agreed that at this stage we should withdraw the current application. We will then prepare a new application which makes clearer the changes on which approval is being sought and we will also ensure that you have access to more of the proposed guidance in support of the new rules. We expect to make this new application before the end of March. As a result, I formally withdraw the application received by the LSB on 4 November 2016.

I look forward to discussing the rule change further in due course.

Yours sincerely



Dr Vanessa Davies
Director-General

cc: Dawn Reid