Memorandum for Executive Council

SUBJECT

Medical Practitioners (Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019

Memorandum by Chairman of the Public Health Committee

ADVICE SOUGHT

1. Executive Council is asked to consider and advise whether the attached Medical Practitioners (Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019, (Annex A) should be enacted.

BACKGROUND & CONSID ERATIONS

- 2. The Medical Practitioners Ordinance, 1910, (Annex B) states in section 2 (1) A person may practice medicine in St Helena if he or she is qualified to practice medicine (a) anywhere in the United Kingdom; or (b) in a place specified in regulations (which the Governor in Council is hereby empowered to make); and is approved by the Governor, on the recommendation of the Senior Medical Officer/Clinical Director, by notice in the Gazette as qualified to practice medicine.
- 3. There is Medical Practitioner qualified in Russia, who is scheduled to take up employment in the Health Directorate during the latter part of February 2019. In view of this, Regulations need to be enacted to allow for Medical Practitioners qualified in Russia to practice medicine in St Helena. The attached Regulations make provision for Russia to be listed as a place from which qualified Medical Practitioners are allowed to practice medicine in St Helena.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no financial implications from enacting these Regulations.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no economic implications from enacting these Regulations.

CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES PUBLIC / SOCIAL

IMPACT

6. Not applicable.

7. It is envisaged that there will be no public/social impact associated with enacting these Regulations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

8. There is no environmental impact associated with this request.

PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT

9. The Public Health Committee supports the proposed amendment to the Regulations. There has been no other consultation/Committee input in addition to this.

PUBLIC REACTION

10. There is likely to be little public reaction in relation to enacting these Regulations.

PUBLICITY

11. Mention of this will be made in the ExCo Report and associated broadcast.

12. The Regulations will be gazetted accordingly.

SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

13. These Regulations support the following goal:

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LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOMENT PLAN GOALS 14. Not applicable.

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