

Health (Medical Quality Council) Quality Assurance Committee 2003

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made under the *Health Act 1993*, s 19(1) Committee to be approved

Section 19 (1) The Minister may, on the written application of a prescribed body, declare in writing that a stated committee established by a prescribed body is an approved private sector quality assurance committee for this part.

Section 19 (2) The Minister shall not make a declaration under subsection (1) unless satisfied that—

- (a) the committee is established by the relevant prescribed body in accordance with the rules or official procedures of the body; and
- (b) the committee's functions are—
 - (i) to assess and evaluate the health services provided by the relevant prescribed body, to report and make recommendations to the body concerning those services and to monitor the implementation of its recommendations; or
 - (ii) to conduct research or investigations into morbidity and mortality in the relevant prescribed body and to report and make recommendations to the body in relation to that research or those investigations; and
- (c) members of the committee will be appointed from time to time by the relevant prescribed body; and
- (d) the exercise of the committee's functions would be facilitated by the provision of immunities and protections afforded by this part; and
- (e) it is in the public interest to restrict the disclosure of information compiled by the committee in the performance of its functions.

I declare the Medical Quality Council, established by a John James Memorial Hospital as an approved private sector quality assurance committee for the purposes of section 19 (1).

Simon Corbell MLA
Minister for Health
19 August 2003