



### **Approval of Additions to Jersey Doctors on Call**

On 11 September 2006, Jersey Doctors on Call ('JDOC') applied to the JCRA for written approval concerning the proposed addition of twenty-three full-time equivalent general practitioners ('GPs') to JDOC's cooperative for after-hours medical care. The proposed new GP members were from the following practices: Cleveland Clinic, Halkett Place Medical Practice, Windsor Crescent, and York House Surgery. This application was necessitated by Condition 5 of JDOC's exemption under the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005, which states that the cooperative cannot accept new members without the JCRA's prior written approval.

After examination of this matter, which included considering the responses we received to our public consultation dated 18 September 2006, the JCRA has decided to approve the proposed additions. Our examination concluded that adding the additional GPs to JDOC would not be contrary to the criteria supporting JDOC's exemption under the competition law, in that they would not place JDOC in a position to harm consumers by increasing prices or reducing quality or service. JDOC's exemption thus has been extended to cover the participation in the cooperative by GPs from the practices listed above.

The effective date of this decision is 13 October 2006.