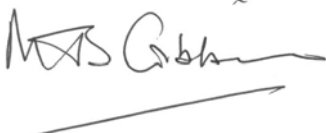
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Amendment to healthcare regulatory bodies legislation to require registrants to hold professional liability cover as a condition of registration	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Health	
Stage	Consultation	
Origin	European	
IA Number	8037	
Date submitted to RPC	15/01/2013	
RPC Opinion date and reference	11/02//2013	RPC13-DH-1695
Overall Assessment	AMBER	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The IA provides a clear discussion of the relative merits of the options and the impact on business of the preferred option. However, the IA should explain how the proposed measure does not go beyond the minimum requirements of the EU directive.</p>		
<p>Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options</p>		
<p><i>Cost and Benefits.</i> The IA says that “An estimated annual cost of £1 million will equate to total costs (discounted) of £8.6m over ten years. However, the assumption has been made that the overall costs will be balanced by benefits received by patients, giving a net present value of zero.” (Paragraph 94). While the IA does give some justification for making this statement, consultation responses should be used to test this assumption.</p> <p>The IA would also benefit from a section providing a breakdown of the expected costs and benefits including the additional costs in monitoring compliance (paragraph 70).</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>The IA says that the proposal is of European origin, and it is out of scope of ‘One-in, One-out. However, the IA should include an explanation detailing how the proposed measure does not go beyond the minimum requirements of the EU directive.</p>		
<p>Signed</p> 	<p>Michael Gibbons, Chairman</p>	