

## Managing the filter: Resources, challenges and solutions

### Standards committees – joint arrangements

#### Model structures

The following structures are based on the Standards Board for England's joint working pilot exercise undertaken from June 2007 to present, including a consultation event held with interested monitoring officers in September 2007.

| <b>Model 1</b><br><b>Informal joint working</b>   | <b>Model 2</b><br><b>Joint committee – local filter only</b>  | <b>Model 3</b><br><b>Joint committee – local filter and hearings</b>  | <b>Model 4</b><br><b>Joint committee – full powers</b>   |
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| <p>Reciprocal arrangements between MOs to share local filter work e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advising on referrals</li> <li>• investigations work</li> <li>• hearings</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local standards committees are retained</li> <li>• Joint committee can establish sub-committees for local filter decisions</li> <li>• Sub-committees cover defined geographical areas</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local standards committees are retained</li> <li>• Joint committee can establish sub-committees for local filter decisions</li> <li>• Sub-committees cover defined geographical areas</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replaces local standards committees</li> <li>• Discharges all standards committee functions</li> <li>• Constituent authorities are responsible for the appointment of independent members to the joint committee (they must sign the relevant authority's Code of Conduct)</li> </ul> |

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**Model 1 (continued)**  
**Informal joint working**

(Note: This informal arrangement is already in operation in some areas for investigations and hearings).

**Model 2 (continued)**  
**Joint committee –  
local filter only**

- Constituent authorities are responsible for the appointment of independent members to the joint committee (they must sign the relevant authority's Code of Conduct)
- MOs may share responsibility for supporting the joint committee or the joint committee may appoint a lead MO
- Constituent authorities share responsibility for joint committee administration

**Model 3 (continued)**  
**Joint committee –  
local filter and hearings**

- Constituent authorities are responsible for the appointment of independent members to the joint committee (they must sign the relevant authority's Code of Conduct)
- MOs may share responsibility for supporting the joint committee or the joint committee may appoint a lead MO
- Constituent authorities share responsibility for joint committee administration

**Model 4 (continued)**  
**Joint committee –  
full powers**

- MOs may share responsibility for supporting the joint committee or the joint committee may appoint a lead MO.