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## SCHEDULE 4

(introduced by section 48)

### FURTHER POWERS OF RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS UNDER SECTION 48

- 1 Where a relevant professional organisation gives notice—
  - (a) under section 48(1)(a) to any person having possession or control of any documents mentioned in subsection (3) of that section;
  - (b) under section 48(1)(b) to any person having possession or control of any documents mentioned in subsection (5) of that section,and the person refuses or fails to produce or deliver any of the documents within the time specified in the notice or to cause them to be so produced or delivered, the relevant professional organisation may apply to the court for an order requiring the person to produce or deliver the documents or to cause them to be produced or delivered to the person appointed at the place fixed by the relevant professional organisation within such time as the court may order.
- 2 Where a relevant professional organisation takes possession of any such documents which have been produced or delivered to it, it must—
  - (a) in the case mentioned in paragraph 1(a), without delay serve on the practitioner against whom the complaint is made, and any other person to whom the notice was given;
  - (b) in the case mentioned in paragraph 1(b), without delay serve on the complainer,a notice giving particulars and the date on which it took possession.
- 3 Before the expiry of the period of 14 days after service of a notice under paragraph 2 the person on whom the notice has been served may apply to the court for an order directing the relevant professional organisation to return such documents to the person from whom they were received by the relevant professional organisation or to such other person as the applicant may request; and on the hearing of any such application the court may make the order applied for or such other order as it thinks fit.
- 4 If no application is made to the court under paragraph 3, or if the court on any such application directs that the documents in question remain in the custody or control of the relevant professional organisation, the relevant professional organisation may make enquiries to ascertain the person to whom they belong and may deal with the documents in accordance with the directions of that person.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Sch. 1 para. 2(6)(ba) inserted by [2010 asp 16 s. 118\(4\)](#)