

## **7 PROCEDURE: SERIOUS MISCONDUCT**

### **Aim**

To define a formal understanding of what is meant by serious misconduct.

### **7.1 Guidelines**

Any behaviour which is abusive and puts a student at risk is considered serious misconduct. Abuse can be physical, psychological or sexual. Other types of serious misconduct include having an inappropriate relationship with a student, neglect or ill treatment of a child, theft or fraud, involvement in illegal drugs, viewing pornography while working as a teacher or anything that is an offence punishable by time in prison. Anything that brings the profession into discredit is also seen as serious misconduct.