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Consultation on Rules for Professional Indemnity  
Policy Standards Department  
Health and Care Professions Council  
Park House  
Kennington Park Road  
London  
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Dear Sir or Madam

**Proposed amendments to the Rules for professional indemnity - Response from the Institute of Biomedical Science**

The Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS) is the professional body for biomedical scientists working in the United Kingdom. It represents approximately 20,000 members employed mainly in NHS laboratories, NHS Blood and Transplant, Public Health services, private laboratories, research, industry and higher education. The biomedical scientist workforce, which the Institute represents, is regulated by statute by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC). In its capacity as the professional body for a regulated profession the Institute welcomes the opportunity to contribute to this consultation on the proposal to make amendments to the Rules for professional indemnity.

The Institute's supports the proposed changes to the Rules for professional indemnity but with the proviso that the proposed period of time to respond to a request for evidence of an indemnity arrangement (4.3) is extended from the suggested minimum seven days to at least 21 days. This would allow for holidays and postal disruptions.

This concludes the comments from the Institute of Biomedical Science.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sarah May'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

**Sarah May**  
**Deputy Chief Executive**