

OUR ROLE

safety-checking final fitness to practise decisions

Our 'section 29' power to scrutinise and appeal the professional health/care regulators' final fitness to practise panel decisions is a double-check which contributes to public protection and improving regulation.

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We scrutinise final decisions made by the professional regulators' fitness to practise panels.



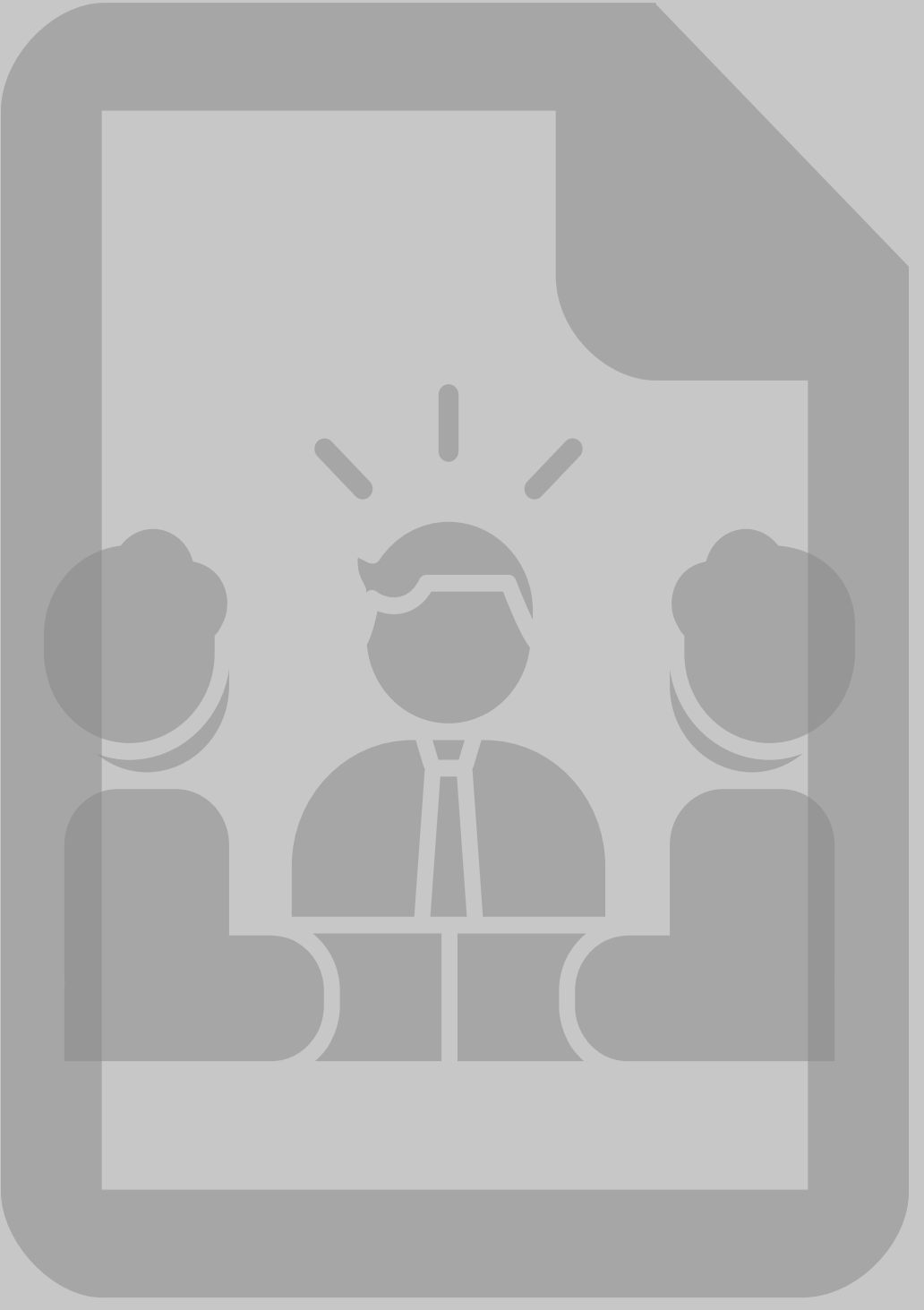
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If we decide the decision does not protect the public properly we will undertake a detailed case review.



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Depending on the outcome of the case review, we will then hold a case meeting & decide whether to appeal the decision.



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If we decide to appeal, we can refer the decision to Court to be considered by a judge.

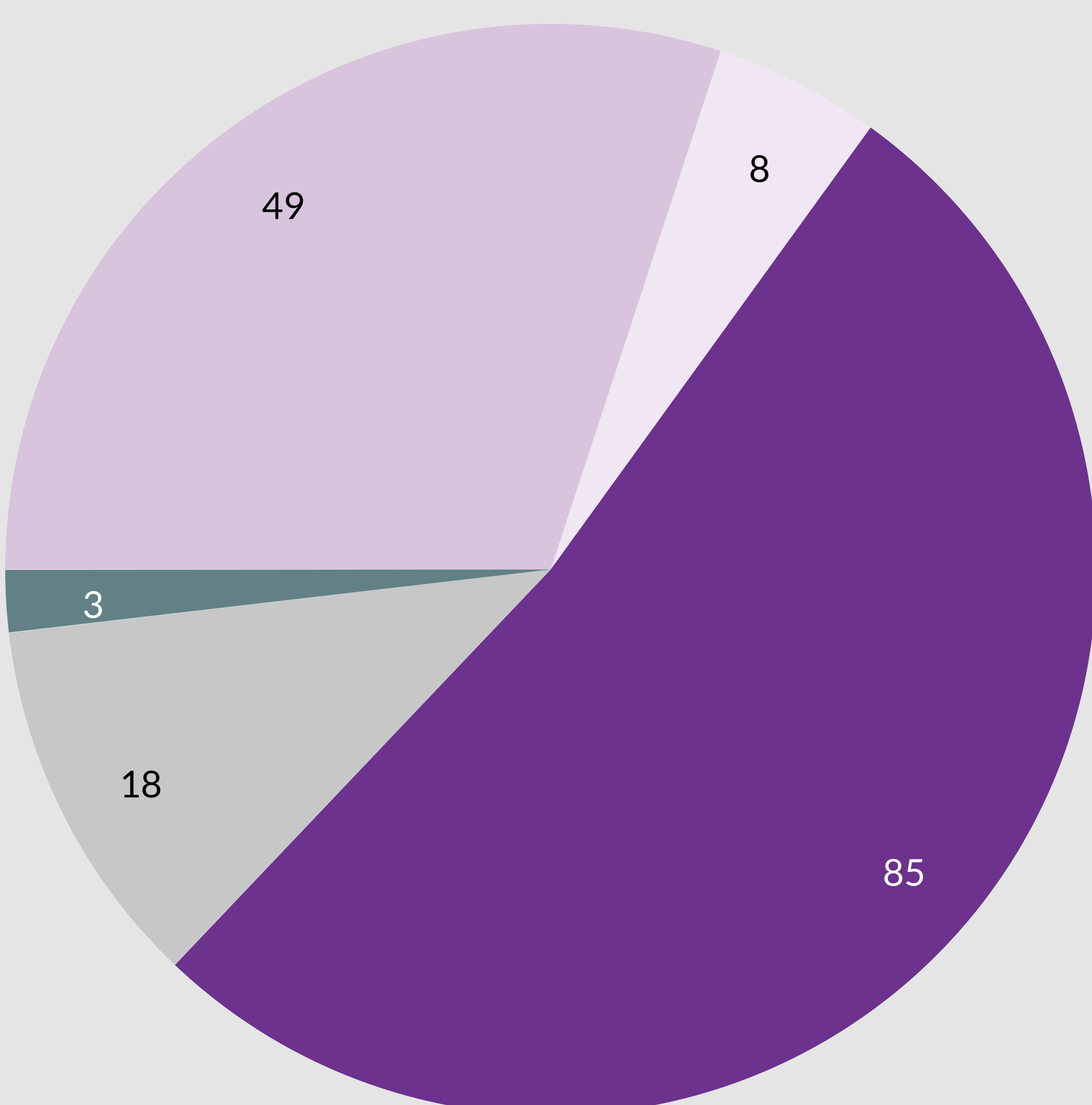


Our power to appeal regulators' final fitness to practise panel decisions comes from Section 29 of the NHS Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002.



Authority Appeals 2003-2020

Total appeals & their outcomes



■ Upheld (30.06%)
 ■ Dismissed (4.91%)
 ■ Settled (52.15%)
 ■ Withdrawn (11.04%)
 ■ Waiting (1.84%)

Sanction in cases upheld & settled*

23 Erased/Struck off regulators' register

75 Remittal (sent back to regulator for a new hearing)

5 Undertakings

16 Suspension

5 Conditions/tighter conditions

6 Impairment/warning

*plus 4 miscellaneous outcomes (these statistics only include upheld and settled figures)

Where we decide not to take forward an appeal, we will often feed back learning points to the regulators to help them improve their processes.

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