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Public Appointments

CHAIR OF THE MATER INFIRMORUM HOSPITAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

Do you have the leadership and management skills necessary to become the Chair of a Health and Social Services Trust? The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint a Chair for the Mater Infirmorum Health and Social Services (HSS) Trust in the Eastern Health and Social Services Board area from 1 September 2005.

HSS Trusts

HSS Trusts are responsible for providing health and social care to the local community. They employ most of the workforce in the health and personal social services and own and manage a wide range of facilities. Each Trust is run by a board consisting of a non-executive Chair, five executive directors and five non-executive directors. The Chair and non-executive directors are appointed with the approval of the Minister responsible for the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; the executive directors are employees of the Trust.

Chair

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate that he/she has the leadership and management skills to lead a Trust board, coupled with the effective communication and interpersonal skills to enable him/her to develop working relationships inside and outside the organisation. He/she will be working in partnership with members of the Trust board, other HPSS colleagues, senior civil servants and Ministers to ensure that the community served by the Trust receives the best health and social care possible. It would be desirable that applicants live in, work in or have significant connections with the area served by the Trust.

Qualifications and Experience

No specific qualifications are required for the post. However, the successful candidate will have to demonstrate that he/she has the leadership and management skills to lead the Trust board, and to meet five other essential criteria as set out in the Information Pack.

The Chair must subscribe to the public service values set out in the HPSS Codes of Conduct and Accountability. This includes setting the highest standards of good governance for the Trust and demonstrating that you can keep accountability, probity and openness at the heart of the management agenda.

The Chair will be required to devote up to 3 days a week to the appointment. This may include commitment inside and outside normal working hours.

Expressions of Interest

For further information about the appointment and a nomination form, **please contact Public Appointments Unit, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Block D1, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SQ, tel: (028) 9052 3250, text phone: (028) 9052 8343, fax: (028) 9052 3206 or e-mail: public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk, quoting reference MIH 1/05.** Information Packs and nomination forms can be provided in other formats and candidates who require assistance will be facilitated on request. Nominees invited for interview will be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable travelling expenses.

Completed nomination forms must be received at the above address on or before Friday 17 June 2005. Nominations received after this date will not be accepted by the Department.

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is committed to the principles of public appointments based on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. The Department is committed to providing equality of opportunity for all nominees. Expressions of interest are welcomed regardless of gender, disability, religion, ethnic origin, political opinion, sexual orientation or whether or not you have dependants. Women are currently under-represented at Chairperson level on bodies sponsored by the Department and nominations from women would therefore be particularly welcome.



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