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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Non-Executive Members of The Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint 3 members to the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency.

The Agency

The Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency was established as a Special Agency by the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety from 1st April 2004. It superseded the Northern Ireland Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education. The Agency's main responsibility is to facilitate the provision of high quality postgraduate and continuing medical and dental education within Northern Ireland.

Membership

The Agency is run by a board, consisting of a non-executive Chair and 5 non-executive members. The Chair and non-executive members are appointed with the approval of the Minister responsible for the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety in accordance with the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland. There will be 3 Lay Members, a Medical Member and a Dental Member. As a result of a previous competition 2 Lay Members have already been appointed and there are therefore 3 current vacancies i.e. 1 Lay Member, 1 Medical Member and 1 Dental Member.

Qualifications and Experience

A **Lay Member** needs no specific qualifications and must **not** have a registrable medical or dental qualification. He/she must be able to demonstrate an understanding of the importance of postgraduate education and training in the delivery of high quality health services. A **Medical Member** must have at least 10 years' experience as a Consultant working in the Health and Personal Social Services or as a Principal working in General Practice. In addition, candidates must be currently employed in either of the above capacities or have been employed in either of those capacities within the last three years. A **Dental Member** must have at least 10 years' experience as a Dental Practitioner working in the Health and Personal Social Services or working as a General Dental Practitioner. In addition, candidates must be currently employed in either of the above capacities or have been employed in either of those capacities within the last three years. Candidates must have full registration with the General Dental Council.

In addition, all successful candidates will have to demonstrate that they meet 5 essential criteria as set out in the Information Pack.

A Member will be expected to devote approximately 20 days a year to the appointment, which may include commitment both inside and outside normal working hours. He/she will receive annual remuneration of £2,634.

Expressions of Interest

For further information about the appointments and to receive a nomination form please contact **Public Appointments Unit, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety, Room D1, Castle Buildings, Stormont Estate, Belfast, BT4 3SQ, Tel (028) 9052 3250, Textphone (028) 9052 8343, Fax (028) 9052 3206 or e-mail public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk quoting reference NIMDTA 1/04.** Information about these appointments 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 12th November 2004. 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 on bodies sponsored by the Department and nominations from women would therefore be particularly welcome.



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