

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint 5 members for the new Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency from April 2004.

The Agency

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

Membership

The Agency will be run by a board, consisting of a non-executive Chair and 5 non-executive members. The Chair and non-executive members will be appointed with the approval of the Minister responsible for the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. There will be 3 Lay Members, a Medical Member and a Dental Member.

Qualifications and Experience

There are 3 categories of member. 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 in the last 12 years as a Consultant working in the Health and Personal Social Services or as a General Practitioner whose name is currently included on the Medical List under Regulation 4 of the General Medical Services Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997. A Dental Member must be a practising dentist with at least 10 years' experience in the last 12 years and 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, 570.



Expression of Interest

For further information about the appointment and to receive 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, Textphone (028) 9052 8343, Fax (028) 9052 3206 or e-mail publicappointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk quoting reference **NIMTDA 1/04**. 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 by 5 pm on Friday, 26 March 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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