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Public Appointments

Non-executive members of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint non-executive members to the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board (FRSB) which, subject to Parliamentary approval, will become the new organisation responsible for fire and rescue services in Northern Ireland replacing the Fire Authority of Northern Ireland. These appointments are expected to be made in June 2006.

The Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board

The new FRSB will be responsible for ensuring the Fire and Rescue Service fulfils its statutory obligations. This includes the promotion of fire safety, fire-fighting, rescuing people trapped in road traffic collisions, protecting and rescuing people from other hazards, acting as the enforcement authority for new fire safety requirements and emergency planning. The Board will also set the strategic direction of the service. Membership of the Board will consist of a non-executive Chair, the Chief Fire and Rescue Officer and 10 other non-executive members, all of whom are appointed with the approval of the Minister responsible for the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety.

Qualifications and Experience

The successful candidates will have to demonstrate that they meet five standard essential criteria as set out in the information pack. In the event that short listing would be required, experience that would bring added value to the discharge of the Board's responsibilities would be desirable. This includes experience of management in a public, private or voluntary sector organisation or of working in the emergency services sector, public safety, finance, human resources, law or public relations. It is desirable that applicants live in, work in or have significant connections with Northern Ireland.

Non-executive members will be expected to devote a minimum of 3 days per month to the post for which they can claim allowances for travel and subsistence costs necessarily incurred on FRSB business.

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, Block 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: FRSB2/06.

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 **Friday 24 March 2006**. 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. Political activity will not be a criterion for appointment. 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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