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## Public Appointments Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service Agency

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint three Non-Executive Members (2 Lay Members and 1 Professional Member) to the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service Agency. The appointments will be made in January 2011.

The function of the Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service (NIBTS) is to ensure provision of adequate levels of safe and effective blood components derived from donors in Northern Ireland.

The NIBTS is an important part of the Health and Social Care system, and exists to fully supply the needs of all hospitals and clinical units in the province with safe and effective blood and blood products and other related services. The discharge of this function includes a commitment to the care and welfare of its voluntary donors.

**Lay Member Post** - There are no specific requirements for these posts.

**Professional Member** - Must have experience in regulatory affairs and compliance in relation to a blood establishment or pharmaceutical license.

### Essential Criteria

All applicants for the Lay and Professional Member posts must meet the following five essential criteria:

Making an impact with others & displays a range of political skills; Committing to the non-executive role; Thinking strategically; Analytical thinking; and, Knowledge and understanding of the health, social care and public safety services in Northern Ireland.

**In addition** to the requirements set out above, applicants for the Professional Member Post must meet an additional essential criterion:

### Professional Experience and Expertise

A Professional Member must have worked within the Quality function of a pharmaceutical facility or Regional Transfusion Service and had direct involvement with the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) or equivalent inspections (deemed as regulatory affairs and compliance, licensing and inspection, quality assurance).

In addition, applicants should have held the position of 'Qualified Person' in a pharmaceutical environment or an equivalent position (deemed by the employer/MHRA as a "Responsible Person", Quality Assurance Manager, Deputy Quality Assurance Manager) in a Regional Transfusion Service or been employed as a pharmaceutical regulatory inspector (as deemed by the MHRA or equivalent).

**Remuneration** - £1,754

**Time Commitment** - 1 day per month

### For further information and an application form:-

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Telephone: 028 9052 3250

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Write to: DHSSPS Public Appointments Unit, Annexe 6, Castle Buildings,  
Stormont Estate, Belfast BT4 3SQ.

### Closing Date

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 12:00 noon on Thursday 4th November 2010. Late applications will not be accepted.**

Information Packs and application forms can be provided in alternative formats and applicants who require assistance will be facilitated on request. Applicants invited for interview will be eligible for reimbursement of reasonable travelling expenses.

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 applicants. Applications are welcomed regardless of age, gender, disability, religion, ethnic origin, political opinion, sexual orientation or whether or not you have dependants.



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