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Public Appointments

Chair of the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service Board

The Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety is seeking to appoint a Chair 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. The appointment is expected to be made in April/May 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.

The Chair

The Chair will have responsibility for leading the newly constituted Board and for ensuring that it successfully discharges its overall responsibility for the organisation as a whole. He/she will be working in partnership with members of the Board, other colleagues, senior civil servants and Ministers to ensure that the community served by the Board receives the best service. It is desirable that applicants live in, work in or have significant connections with Northern Ireland.

Qualifications and Experience

The successful candidate will have to demonstrate that he/she has the leadership and management skills to lead the Board and meet the five other essential criteria as set out in the information pack. 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 service sector, public safety, finance, human resources, law or public relations.

The Chair will be expected to devote a minimum of 2 days per week to the post for which he/she will receive annual remuneration of £22,709.

Expressions 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: public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk, quoting reference: FRSB1/06.

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 24 February 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 at Chairperson level on bodies sponsored by the Department and nominations from women would therefore be particularly welcome.



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