



**Appointments
Commission**



Independent Scientific Advisory Committee for MHRA database research (ISAC)

2 Members (Professional & Lay)

The ISAC was established in February 2006 as a non-statutory committee to advise the MHRA on the scientific merit of proposals for research using data from the MHRA's General Practice Research Database (GPRD) and adverse drug reaction (Yellow Card Scheme) database. The ISAC is independent of the MHRA and the Commission on Human Medicines, and looks at the scientific content of research protocols that propose using data from these databases.

We are looking to appoint 2 members who can consider, comment, and contribute on a range of issues relevant to the work of the ISAC. The successful candidates will have the ability to readily assimilate complex information and weigh up conflicting opinions. The ability to develop an understanding of the UK/European medicines regulatory procedures is also essential.

In addition to the general qualities required, the professional member will have recent experience as a statistician with experience of observational study designs, and the lay member will represent public opinion and have a good working knowledge of the Freedom of Information Act and data protection.

Time commitment, remuneration and location

The committee is normally scheduled to meet every three months in London but this can vary according to the number of applications received. In addition, a significant amount of the Committee's business will be carried out between meetings, by email.

Members will be entitled to an attendance fee of £174 per meeting (which includes a preparation fee).

More information on the ISAC is on the MHRA website: www.mhra.gov.uk

How to apply

If you think you have the qualities we require and want to apply for a post please call **0870 240 3802** during office hours or go to www.appointments.org.uk, quoting reference **DH8111**, for an information pack and application form (which are available, on request, in large type, Braille or on tape).

The closing date for returning applications is 12 December 2008

Interviews will be held on 14 January 2009 in London