

## INTRODUCTION OF PRIMARY MEDICAL SERVICES PERFORMERS LISTS

The Health and Personal Social Services (Primary Medical Services Performers Lists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, which came into operation on 1 April, introduce the requirement that any general medical practitioner who performs, or intends to perform, primary medical services must be included on the primary medical services performers list of the relevant Board(s). Practitioners who were on a Board medical list on 31 March 2004 automatically transferred to that Board's primary medical services performers list on 1 April 2004. Those not previously on a medical list, however, will have to apply for inclusion on the performers list of the Board (or Boards) in whose area they perform, or intend to perform, primary medical services. The date by which they must secure inclusion on that Board's primary medical services performers list is **1 October 2004**. Further information on the action to be taken by such practitioners, along with a model application form, will be published shortly.