

Re-advertisement Appointment of Members To The 5 Local Commissioning Groups

The recently established Health and Social Care Board is seeking to appoint **2** Voluntary and Community Sector Representative Members and **4** Locally Elected Representative Members to each of the five new Local Commissioning Groups (LCGs). The LCGs will be known as the **Belfast; Northern; South Eastern; Southern** and **Western** Local Commissioning Groups and will be committees of the Health and Social Care Board. Each LCG will be co-terminus with their respective Health and Social Care Trust area.

Role of LCGs

LCGs will be responsible for the commissioning of health and social care by addressing the care needs of their local population. They will also have responsibility for assessing health and social care needs; planning health and social care to meet current and emerging needs; and securing the delivery of health and social care to meet assessed needs.

Essential Requirements for Voluntary & Community and Locally Elected Representative Members:

Voluntary and Community Sector Representative Members – These posts are open to anyone from a voluntary and community organisation with an interest in health and social care. Applicants must live within the prescribed LCG area to which they are applying.

Locally Elected Representative Members may only apply for LCG membership determined by the District/Borough/City Council to which they are currently a serving District Councillor, which in turn will be co-terminus with their respective Health and Social Care Trust area.

Essential Criteria

Candidates must demonstrate:

- An understanding of current arrangements for the planning and provision of health and social care in NI;
- Experience of working with a broad range of stakeholders across the statutory and voluntary/community sectors;
- The ability to work effectively as part of a team in a challenging environment;
- A commitment to accept their individual responsibility to work as part of a corporate body in meeting agreed objectives set by the Health and Social Care Board (HSCB), Public Health Agency (PHA) and the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPS);
- A willingness to play their part in supporting the LCG in meeting its responsibility to engage effectively with local communities in an open and transparent manner;
- Good communication skills.

Time Commitment:

Representative Members will be expected to commit 2 days per month.

Remuneration - £156 per day, plus agreed allowances and travelling.

Appointment of a Pharmacist Member to the South Eastern LCG

Appointment of a Dentist Member to the Northern LCG

Due to existing vacancies, the Health and Social Care Board is also seeking to appoint a **Pharmacist Member** to the South Eastern Local Commissioning Group and a **Dentist Member** to the Northern Local Commissioning Group. In addition to the essential criteria set out above, applicants must be currently practising in the prescribed LCG area.

Remuneration - £207 per day. The Pharmacist and Dentist Member are also eligible to claim allowances, at the agreed DHSSPS rates, for locum cover, loss of earnings and travel and subsistence costs necessarily incurred on LCG business.

Time Commitment:

The Pharmacist and Dentist Member will be expected to commit 2 days per month.

For further information and an application form for the above appointment opportunities:-

E-mail: public.appointments@dhsspsni.gov.uk

Telephone: 028 9052 3250

Textphone: 028 9052 8623

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

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

It is anticipated that interviews will take place during September 2009.

Signed, hard copies of application forms must be received at the above address by 12:00 noon on Friday 10 July 2009. Late applications will not be accepted.

Persons who have already applied do not need to submit another application.

The Health and Social Care Board is committed to the principles of appointments based on merit with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. The Board 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.