

HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

Process for the appointment of members to the Education and Training Committee

Introduction

Paragraph 17 of Schedule 1 to the Health Professions Order 2001 provides for the Education and Training Committee ('the Committee'):

- to comprise fewer members than the Council;
- to have a majority of members with qualifications and experience in relation to the provision, funding or assessment of professional education and training which the Council considers will be of value to the Committee in the performance of its functions;
- to include among its members:
 - at least one registrant from each part of the register;
 - an equal number of registrants from each part of the register;
 - at least one person from each of the home countries of the United Kingdom; and
 - at least one lay person who appears to the Council to represent the interests of the patients or clients of registrants or their carers.

Process

- Given the requirement for the Committee to be smaller than the Council and the need for each part of register to have equal representation on it, the Committee is comprised of 20 members (who collectively must meet the qualifications and experience, home country requirements set out above) made up as follows:
 - 13 registrant or alternate members of Council, one from each part of the register; and
 - 7 lay members, at least one of whom must represent the interests of patients and carers.
- In view of these complexities, the Committee will be appointed before all other statutory and non-statutory committees.
- Members of the Council who wish to be members of the Committee must provide a written statement of not more than 200 words explaining how they meet the qualifications and experience requirement set out above and, in alternatively (or in addition), lay member should provide a similar statement explaining how they meet the representation requirement set out above.

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- On the receipt of applications, the Executive will scrutinise the statements to determine whether the necessary requirements are met and will make a recommendation to the Council as to the persons to be appointed to the Committee.
- If both the registrant and alternate member from the same part of the register seek appointment, the Council will need to determine, taking account of any recommendation from the Executive as to qualifications and experience, which person should be appointed from that part of the register to the Committee.
- If more lay members seek appointment than there are vacancies, the Council will need to determine, taking account of any recommendation from the Executive, which persons should be appointed to the Committee.
- In the event that the necessary criteria for the composition of the Committee cannot be met from among members of the Council, the Council will be asked to appoint suitable persons to the Committee who are not members of Council and those appointments will be made following the public appointments process specified in Paragraph 17(2)(c) of Schedule 1 to the Health Professions Order 2001.
- The term of office of Committee members is two years.

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