

Health Professions Council

11 July 2006

APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

In July 2005 following the first Council Elections Council agreed the following processes for the appointment of members to committees;

- (i) Process for the Appointment of Members to the Education and Training Committee
- (ii) Process for the Appointment of Members to Practice Committees
- (iii) Process for the Appointment of Members to the Non-Statutory Committees

All of these processes dealt with the situation whereby all Council members were newly elected and the all the committees were seeking a completely new membership.

The completion of the terms of office of the registrant Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Radiography member on Council on 8 July 2006, 3 lay members and the resignation of the alternate Radiography member has created vacancies on a number of committees;

Council will need to consider if it wishes;

- (i) to reappoint members who are re-elected and re-appointed to the committees on which they were previously members to continue for the remainder of their original two year appointment – i.e. until July 2007
- (ii) to appoint the new Council members to the vacancies created by the member they are replacing for the remainder of the original member's two year term of office - i.e. until July 2007
- (iii) to appoint members to the Fitness to Practise Committee for two years¹
- (iv) to agree that if a new lay member is appointed to Council to replace Ros Levenson (who has resigned), that member should be appointed to the Health Committee. In the absence of a new lay member, nominations should be sought from among the current lay members, the President to make the final recommendation to Council².

¹ In accordance with the Health Professions Council (Practice Committees) Constitution Rules 2003 5(1) (b) 'a member of a practice committee shall serve (a) for a period of two years or (b) if he is also a member of the Council, until any earlier date on which he ceases to be a member of the Council.

² This is necessary as the membership of the Health Committee now does not meet the requirements of the Health Professions Council (Practice Committees) Constitution Rules 2003 (3) 'the members of a Practice Committee shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with paragraph 19 of schedule 1 to the Order and a Practice Committee shall consist of not less than nine members.'

The advantage of the above proposal is that it would simplify the re-appointments process to most committees which will be undertaken in July of next year (and every two years thereafter) when the terms of office of the majority of committee members will come to an end.

Decision

1. The Council is asked to agree the proposals outlined above and also to agree to use this process following the re-election and re-appointment of members in the future.
2. The Council is requested to agree to the following appointments to Committees;

Re-appointments

Christine Farrell Communications Committee (until 8 July 2007)
Education and Training Committee (until 8 July 2007)
Investigating Committee (until 8 July 2008)

Jeff Lucas Approvals Committee (until 8 July 2007)
Education and Training Committee (until 8 July 2007)

Annie Turner Approvals Committee (until 8 July 2007)
Health Committee (until 8 July 2008)

New Appointments

Elizabeth Ellis* Education and Training Committee (in place of Gail Darwent –
Registrant Radiography member) – (until 8 July 2007)

Sue Griffiths Approvals Committee (in place of Fiona Taylor – Alternate
Radiography member) - (until 8 July 2007)

Pen Robinson Finance and Resources Committee (in place of Robert Jones –
Registrant Physiotherapy member) - (until 8 July 2007)

*Final decision to be made by the new President subject to the provision of a statement explaining how she (Elizabeth Ellis) meets the qualifications and experience requirement.

Background information

In the case of the Education and Training Committee and the Audit Committee new members would have to provide a written statement explaining how they meet the qualifications and experience requirement. This is in accordance with the agreed appointments process.

The agreed processes for the appointment to the Education and Training Committee, the Fitness to Practise Committees and the non-statutory committees are available on the members' extranet.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

As detailed in 2006 HPC budget

Appendices

None

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