

Medicines advisory bodies - Chairs, Commissioners and Members



The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is the government agency responsible for ensuring that medicines and medical devices work, and are acceptably safe. The Medicines advisory bodies were introduced under the Medicines Act 1968 and provide advice to UK Health Ministers (who are the Licensing Authority) on aspects of medicines regulation.

Commission on Human Medicines

Ref: DH9046

We are looking to appoint a Chair and up to 20 Commissioners.

The Commission on Human Medicines (CHM) advises the Licensing authority (UK Health Ministers) on matters relating to safety, quality and efficacy of medicines and the collection of adverse drug reactions to marketed medicines.

The people

The **Chairs** will provide leadership to the advisory bodies and will have a very significant impact and influence on the success of the organisation. For CHM you will be recognised by your peers as an eminent member of your profession and have wide and recent experience of, and have shown capacity in the practice of medicine. For HMAC you will have knowledge of, and appreciation of, complementary medicines including herbal medicines.

The **Membership** of both bodies will be professional and lay with previous or current experience of advisory bodies membership. They will be skilled communicators and be able to assimilate complex scientific information at short notice.

Expert Advisory Groups - Ref: DH9048

The expertise of the CHM is supplemented by sufficient numbers of experts to cover all aspects of their work.

Applications are now being invited for Chair and Member roles (professional, lay and nurse membership) to the Expert Advisory Groups (EAGs). The Chairs of two EAGs will also be full Commissioners of the CHM, and should be attributed in Pharmacovigilance and/or Biologicals and vaccines.

Remuneration and time commitment

Fees will be payable to all Chairs, Commissioners and Members for preparation and attendance at meetings. Chairs of the CHM and HMAC will be paid a fee of up to £400 for preparation/attendance and Commissioners and Members will be paid up to £275. Chairs of the EAGs will receive up to £275 per meeting and EAG Members up to £150. The frequency of meetings varies according to the body. Commissioners and Members will be required to attend all scheduled and unscheduled meetings and be present for the whole meeting. Appointments will be for a period of 4 years.

How to apply

If you think you have the qualities we require and you would like to apply please call 0870 240 3802 during office hours or go to www.appointments.org.uk, quoting reference DH9046 for the CHM posts, DH9047 for the HMAC posts and DH9048 for the EAG posts, for an information pack and application form (which are available in large type, Braille or on tape). If you wish to apply for a post with more than one body, please quote all relevant ref. numbers.

All applications for the EAG posts will be forwarded to the advisory body secretariat at the MHRA for consideration. Closing date for returning all applications is 10.00 am on 26 May 2009.



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Adding value to public appointments

We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all and appointments made on merit. We particularly want to hear from women and people from black and minority ethnic communities who are able to make a real contribution to this organisation.

Please note this is a public appointment, not employment.

See www.appointments.org.uk or www.sector1.net for more public appointments being filled by the Appointments Commission

