



**Appointments
Commission**

Advisory Group on Hepatitis (AGH)

Vacancies for 4 Members

The Advisory Group on Hepatitis (AGH) is a non-statutory advisory non-Departmental Public Body and one of a number of Scientific Advisory Committees (SAC) providing expert advice to the Department of Health (DH). The Committee plays an important role in providing advice on the prevention and control of viral hepatitis.

The membership of AGH comprises specialist scientific and medical experts selected by open competition. Areas of expertise covered by members of the AGH currently include: clinical hepatology; clinical and research virology; infectious diseases; occupational health; public health; general practice and specialist nursing. There is also a lay member on the panel

The AGH are looking to appoint 4 new expert members in the following specialties:

- Virology
- Paediatric Hepatology
- Public Health Medicine
- Social Medicine

Essential qualities for expert members:

- Expertise in one of the fields above.
- An outstanding record of achievement and personal credibility within your own field, appropriate to the remit of the committee.
- Knowledge about and experienced in the area of viral hepatitis, with an understanding of the public health remit of the Committee
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to contribute to detailed discussion, and present views effectively in a clear, cogent and succinct manner to support effective discussion
- Ability to evaluate complex issues and weigh up conflicting opinions

Desirable qualities for expert members:

- Experience of relevant committee membership at regional or national level
- An understanding or interest in government and its operation
- Ability to use, if necessary, own informal networks to seek the views of peer group/constituency and fairly represent them to other committee members

Remuneration

The posts are not paid, although expenses for travel and subsistence due to AGH business will be reimbursed.

Appointment and tenure of office

Initial appointment will be for 3 years. The appointment can be renewed at the end of the first period of office, subject to performance. There should therefore be no expectation of automatic reappointment. The maximum total term is 10 years.

Time commitment

The AGH usually meets 3 times a year, for full day meetings at a central London venue and there is usually up to a similar amount of preparation time needed for each meeting. Some work may also be done in ad hoc sub-groups, which may require the involvement of members.

How to apply

For further information about the people we need on this Panel, please call for an information pack on 0870 240 3802 during office hours, or go to: www.appointments.org.uk, quoting reference number **DH9067C** for an information pack and application form (which are available in large type or Braille or on tape).

The closing date for returning applications is 12 noon on 19 November 2009

It is anticipated that interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held in London during December 2009.