

Health Professions Council
14 December 2006
APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES

Executive Summary and Recommendations

Introduction

The resignation of Mrs Ros Levenson created a vacancy for a lay member on Council and also created vacancies on the Health Committee and the Communications Committee.

The registrant Physiotherapist vacancy on Council created a vacancy on the Finance and Resources Committee.

Mr Peter Douglas has been appointed to the lay vacancy on Council.

Professor Graham Smith was elected to the Physiotherapy vacancy on Council.

Council has agreed that where vacancies are created by the resignation of a member from Council, new members will be appointed to the vacancies which the resignation creates, unless doing so would be contrary to the Order.

Council also agreed that the new registrant Physiotherapy member on Council should be appointed to the vacancy on the Finance and Resources Committee which the end of the term of office of the previous physiotherapy member created.

However in line with the recognised principle that members should be appointed to the committees which best use their skills and experience the President has taken the decision that Mr Peter Douglas should be appointed to the vacancy on the Finance and Resources Committee.

The vacancy on the Health Committee may only be filled by a lay member.

The President has agreed that Professor Smith should be appointed to the Audit Committee (having completed the appointment process agreed by Council in December 2005)

Decision

The Council is asked to agree the following;

- (i) that Mr Peter Douglas should be appointed to the Finance and Resources Committee until July 2007
- (ii) that Mr Peter Douglas should be appointed to the Health Committee for a period of two years¹

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

- (iii) that Professor G Smith should be appointed to the Audit Committee until July 2007.

Background information

See process for appointment to the Audit Committee on the members' extranet.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

Included in 2006/7 budget

Appendices

None

Date of paper

30 November 2006