

**Health Professions Council**  
**4 October 2006**

**PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO  
COUNCIL IF PERSON ELECTED AS PRESIDENT IS A REGISTRANT**

**Executive Summary and Recommendations**

**Introduction**

Following the election of Dr van der Gaag as President, Council agreed that the Privy Council should be asked to appoint an additional registrant member, from the same profession, to the Council. This is in accordance with Paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 of the Health Professions Order 2001.

The Council also requested that clarification should be sought from the Privy Council regarding the process it would use for the appointment and that the Privy Council should be informed that not all HPC registrants were members of a professional body.

The Privy Council has contacted the Executive regarding this matter and has put forward the proposal that the alternate Speech and Language Therapist member on Council should be asked if they would be interested in taking over as registrant member. The ensuing vacancy for an alternate Speech and Language Therapist member would be filled by holding an election.

However in keeping with the HPC's 6 guiding principles (one of which is transparency) the Executive is proposing that the NHS Appointments Commission should be asked to hold an open selection process for the appointment of the additional registrant member. This would involve writing to all SLT registrants on the HPC register regarding the vacancy. The alternate SLT member on Council would be free to apply and if successful a by-election would be held for the vacancy this created.

**Decision**

The Council is asked to agree that the NHS Appointments Commission should be asked to hold an open selection process for the appointment of the additional registrant member to fill the vacancy created by the election of a registrant member as President.

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

None

**Appendices**

None

**Date of paper**

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