



Council
29 January 2020
Chair's Report - appointments

Classification Public

Purpose For decision

Issue This paper:

1. seeks a Council decision to reappoint two Fitness to Practise panellists;
2. provides Council with an update on other ongoing appointment activities.

Recommendation(s) a. To agree to reappoint the following Fitness to Practise panellists:

Eleanor Harding (IC)
For 12-months from 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

Barry Kleinberg (PCC)
For four-years from 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2024.

b. To note the update on other ongoing appointment activities.

Financial and resourcing implications None.

Equality and diversity implications Equality and Diversity monitoring data is provided to the PSA as part of their scrutiny processes.

In addition, the Remuneration and Appointments Committee will receive a report on equality and diversity monitoring data post the appointments.

Communications implications The Fitness to Practise panellists will be notified of Council's reappointment decision.

Annex(es) None.

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Background

1. This paper provides Council with an update on several appointment activities.

Discussion

Fitness to practise panellists

2. There are currently 32 Fitness to Practise panellist positions (15 members of the Investigating Committee (IC) and 17 members of the Professional Conduct/Health Committee (PCC/HC)), all with differing appointment dates.
3. There are eight Fitness to Practise panellists (four IC and four PCC/HC) who are eligible for reappointment from 31 March 2020 for a further four years although there is no automatic right of reappointment for any member.
4. To be reappointed all applicants need to complete a reapplication form. This is considered by the Chair of Council as part of a package of information including feedback from the chair of the respective committee along with a copy of the last completed appraisal form.
5. Of the eight individuals, six were reappointed at the November 2019 Council meeting. The following two individuals have now submitted their paperwork, which has been properly considered by the Chair, and are eligible for reappointment.

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Council and Committee appointments

6. The Executive are currently managing recruitment campaigns which will lead to the appointment of one lay Council member, two registrant Council members and one independent member of the Remuneration and Appointments Committee.
7. The campaign to appoint one lay Council member saw a total of 23 applications submitted by the deadline. Shortlisting and interviews have been held with appropriate due diligence checks now underway. The process is scrutinised by the Professional Standards Authority and they are being kept informed of progress. The appointment of the lay Council member will be made by the Privy Council.
8. The campaign to appoint two registrant Council members saw a total of 10 applications submitted by the deadline. Shortlisting and interviews have been held with appropriate due diligence checks now underway. The process is scrutinised by the Professional Standards Authority and they are being kept

informed of progress. The appointment of the registrant Council members will be made by the Privy Council.

9. The campaign to appoint an independent member of the Remuneration and Appointments Committee is currently underway. The deadline for applications is in February 2020 and information about the position can be found on the GOsC website.

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