



**Appointments
Commission**



The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation

Vacancies for five members

The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) is a standing advisory committee that provides high quality and considered advice and makes recommendations to the Secretaries of State for Health for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland on matters relating to communicable diseases, preventable and potentially preventable through immunisation. It also looks at any relevant specific or special matters that the Secretaries of State may request from time to time. Further information about the Committee is available at <http://www.advisorybodies.doh.gov.uk/jcvi/>

We are looking to appoint five members to take up post in the autumn. The vacancies are for a Primary Care Trust Director of Public Health, or an equivalent position; a Community Paediatrician; a Paediatric Infectious Disease Physician; a Paediatric Immunologist; and a Virologist.

The people

All members must have an outstanding record of achievement in their own field and an understanding of the vaccination and immunisation issues covered by the Committee. You should have experience of operating at a strategic level and the ability to evaluate complex issues and weigh up conflicting opinions. You should have experience of working effectively in high level Committees and will need to demonstrate good communication skills, with the ability to influence at a senior level.

The role

As a member, you will play a critical role in ensuring the Committee's continued standing as an internationally recognised leading body in the field of immunisation and you will contribute to the provision of high quality and considered advice to UK Ministers of health.

The Committee meet three times a year, usually in London. In addition, members are expected to participate in some Subgroups or Panels of the JCVI. Some preparation time for the meetings will be required, which may need to be at weekends.

Appointments will be for a period of four years in the first instance. Appointments to JCVI are not remunerated or pensionable, but allowances are payable for all reasonable travel and receipted childcare or carer expenses incurred whilst undertaking committee business.

How to apply

For more details about the posts, please call 0870 240 3802 during office hours or go to www.appointments.org.uk, quoting reference DH8026, for an information pack and application form (which are also available in large type or Braille or on tape).

The closing date for returning applications is 22nd May 2008.

Interviews for shortlisted candidates are expected to take place in London.

The Appointments Commission is committed to equality of opportunity for all and the principle of appointment based on merit following an open and transparent process and independent assessment.

Please note this is a public appointment, not employment.

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