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Scottish Pharmacy Board Vacancy

Purpose

To consider whether the Board wants to co-opt into the vacant position of Pharmacist and, if so, the process for doing so.

Strategic objective domain

- Recognised as world influencing and world class.
- Influencing the development of pharmacists to play an expanding and more inclusive part in healthcare, public health and social care.

Action required

The Scottish Pharmacy Board is asked to decide if it wants to co-opt into the vacant position and, if so, to agree the process for this and the term of office.

1. Background

At the 2008 Election only three out of the four vacant positions on the Scottish Pharmacy Board were filled. As a result of this the Board has to decide if it wishes this vacancy to be filled and, if so, the process for nominating and deciding on a suitable candidate.

If the Board decides that it wants to fill the vacancy there are several alternative options for doing so, including:

1. Board members to email nominations to the Secretary of the Board. These nominations will be disclosed under *Confidential Business* at the June Board meeting to other Board members. Board members will be given the opportunity to vote at the June meeting.
2. To advertise the vacant position. Board members will then be given the opportunity to vote under *Confidential Business* at the June Board meeting on any suitable candidates.
3. Board members to email nominations to the Secretary of the Board. These nominations will be discussed by the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board who will select a suitable candidate.

All candidates will be issued with a pro-forma requesting similar information to that provided by candidates for the 2008 elections, for example career history and short biography. Any candidates who fail to meet the required standards will not be considered. The Board may wish to consider setting selection criteria designed to meet

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any identified deficiencies in the current range of experience or geographical representation.

Another consideration for the Board will be the term of office of the co-optee, for example, the term could be for one year until the 2009 Election or for the full three years.

2. Risk Implications

If the Board decides not to fill the vacancy it will reduce the representation of members in Scotland.

3. Resource Implications

The Board's budget has been set to accommodate twelve members.

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