



## **Chair - Office for Strategic Coordination of Health Research (OSCHR) (A17-49)**

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy are looking to appoint a Chair to the Office for Strategic Coordination of Health Research (OSCHR).

OSCHR is an independent cross-departmental office established by the UK government in 2007 to address the barriers to health research collaboration that existed at that time.

As Chair, you will lead an influential board helping to maintain the existing strong partnerships and excellent working relationships between the principal UK publicly-funded health research funders (OSCHR partners) and the NHS; the life sciences industry sector; and the medical research charity sector in order to maximise the return on the public investment in UK health research. With the establishment of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), the Chair of OSCHR Board will play a pivotal role in establishing OSCHR's relationship with UKRI and the wider research base, helping to cement relations between the relevant UKRI Councils and other public funders of health research. You will chair the OSCHR Board meetings, typically three times a year, in a way that facilitates the pursuit of the Government's health research priorities, and gives due consideration to all relevant stakeholders.

You will be able to command the respect and influence leaders in government, HM Treasury, health research and the life sciences commercial sector in order to facilitate discussions that will inform the further development of health research policy.

Remuneration will be £7k per annum paid quarterly plus reasonable travel and subsistence is payable and the expected time commitment is a maximum of 20 days per year. Ministers determine the length of appointment, which may be for up to a maximum of 3 years.

For more information, please visit the Public Appointments website:  
<https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> If you require an alternative format such as braille, large print or audio please call Daniel Clemence on 0113 254 5335 quoting the reference **A17-49**.

**The closing date for applications is midday on 20 April 2018.**

The Department of Health and Social Care and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy values and promotes diversity and encourage applications from all sections of the community.