



Department  
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Social Care

## **Committee on Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment - Chair**

The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is looking to appoint a Chair of the Committee on Mutagenicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment (COM). COM advises government on the mutagenicity of chemicals used in pesticides, pharmaceuticals and other products. It also advises on important general hazards or risk and gives recommendations for genotoxicity testing.

As Chair, you will be a specialist in toxicology or related area, with a sound understanding of genotoxicity and will lead the committee's discussions effectively, with a full understanding of all aspects of COM's work. You will ensure that there is adequate expertise available to consider the topics put to COM and that all aspects of papers and questions put to COM are fully discussed. You will have a track record of effective leadership and providing advice which is independent of government or industry at a national and/or internal level. You will have excellent communication skills, to secure the confidence of experts in the field and develop constructive relationships with a range of stakeholders. You will have an understanding of committee membership and the role of COM, with sound judgement and the ability to guide the strategic direction of the committee.

The COM Chair is not remunerated and the role involves a time commitment of around three meetings/days per year. The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care determines the length of appointment, which may be for up to a maximum of 3 years.

For more information, please visit the Public Appointments website: <http://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/> If you require an alternative format such as braille, large print or audio please call Ryan Lloyd on 0113 254 5929 quoting the reference **VAC-1700**.

**The closing date for applications is midday on 07 December 2020. The Department of Health and Social Care values and promotes diversity and encourages applications from all sections of the community.**



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