



### WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Public Appointments Newsletter. This newsletter contains information about upcoming public appointments, as well as updates from the Public Appointments Policy Team in the Cabinet Office.

### JOIN OUR USER EXPERIENCE PANEL

Many of you are aware of the commitment made in the [Public Appointments Diversity Action Plan 2019](#) (Action 1.3) to explore a single online application portal and improved website for public appointments. We are continuing to work with digital colleagues on this. Thank you to those who have previously provided insights and suggestions.

If you would like to be involved in shaping the service, please register your interest [here](#). Your responses will be treated in confidence and in accordance with regulations on data protection.

If you have already taken part in our ongoing research and have indicated that you would like to continue to input, there is no need to register again.

### CURRENT APPOINTMENT VACANCIES

A selection of current vacancies is below. To see all vacancies please visit the Public Appointments [website](#) where you can sign up to receive alerts when new appointments are advertised. You can filter by sector and/or skill to find opportunities that are of most interest to you.

#### **Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)**

##### **Member - Industrial Development Advisory Board (IDAB)**

BEIS are currently looking for two members to join the Industrial Development Advisory Board (IDAB). The IDAB advises ministers on applications from companies proposing to start capital investment projects in the Assisted Areas in England. As a member of the IDAB, you will have a statutory role advising Government Ministers on whether financial support should be provided to UK businesses. The closing date for applications is **21st March 2021**. More information can be found [here](#).

##### **Non-Executive Directors – Oil and Gas Authority (OGA)**

The OGA are currently seeking to appoint two Non-Executive Directors. The purpose of the OGA is to maximise the economic recovery of oil and gas. The ambition of the OGA is to be a world-leading authority, setting the framework for a sustainable and competitive UK Oil & Gas industry. The new member of the Board will be expected to monitor and support the performance of the OGA's executive team and assist in ensuring that the statutory and governance requirements which the OGA has as a public body are fully met. The closing date for applications is **26th March 2021**. Further information can be found [here](#).

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### Ministry of Justice (MOJ)

#### Non-Executive Board Member – Office for the Public Guardian (OPG)

MOJ are looking for a Non-Executive Board Member (NEBM) to join the OPG. The NEBM will need to have exceptional communication skills, a high level of personal impact and the ability to provide constructive and independent challenge and support to the board and committee. Knowledge of the justice sector would also be beneficial as well as experience of working with Audit Committees. The closing date for applications is **26th March 2021**. Further information about this role can be found [here](#).

### Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

#### Chair- Anglian Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC)

DEFRA are currently advertising for a Chair to join the RFCC. The RFCC are responsible for bringing together representatives of local councils and the Environment Agency to oversee a multi-billion pound programme of work to protect local communities. As Chair, you will work in partnership to ensure that national policies and approaches are implemented whilst taking account of local circumstances and needs. The closing date for applications is **26th March 2021**. Further information on this role can be found [here](#).

### Cabinet Office (CO)

#### Non-Executive Board Member (NEBM)– UK Statistics Authority (UKSA)

Cabinet Office are currently seeking to appoint a Non-Executive Board Member (NEBM) to the board of the UK Statistics Authority. The NEBMs of the Authority are responsible for setting the overall strategic direction and vision of the Authority and its executive office as well as providing strong governance of the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and the Office for Statistics Regulation (OSR). The closing date for applications is **28th March 2021**. For more information on this role, please visit [here](#).

### Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)

#### Information Commissioner – Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO)

DCMS are looking to appoint a new Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner’s Office is a Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored by DCMS. Although the Information Commissioner operates independently in the exercise of his/her statutory functions, some issues require the approval of the Secretary of State. The ICO upholds information rights and covers various legislation, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Details of the specific legislation and the ICO’s powers and functions can be found [here](#). The closing date for applications is **28th March 2021**. To find out more about this role, please visit [here](#).

## UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS

The role below is expected to launch in the next few weeks on the HM Government Public Appointments [website](#). If you have a particular interest in this or any other role, remember you can set notifications on the website to let you know when they go live. To set up notifications, [log into your account](#) and select to add a new search. You can then filter by keyword, sector, region and Department, and select to receive email notifications either daily or weekly.

### **NHS Business Services Authority – Chair**

The NHS Business Services Authority manages around £37 billion of NHS spend annually on a wide range of services to the public, to NHS staff and to NHS Primary Care providers. Its expertise is in delivering high-volume, predominantly transactional services and in bringing national capability in digitisation and data insight. It helps the NHS be more effective and efficient. Examples of its services include:

- processing around 1 billion prescriptions a year; managing the Electronic Prescribing Service (used by over 70% of the public); managing over £11 billion a year in payments to pharmacists and dentists; and managing the largest drugs database in Europe
- managing the NHS Pension scheme (£12 billion annual payments to over 3 million members, with a liability of over £0.5 trillion); the NHS Electronic Staff Record (1.2 million users, and which pays all NHS staff in secondary care; and NHS Jobs – the national portal for advertising all job vacancies in the NHS (11 million candidates registered)
- administering the Global Health Insurance Card, and supporting since the start of the pandemic over 35 COVID19 response programmes, including scaling up the vaccination programme.

It has an operating budget of around £100m and employs around 3500 people, predominantly in the north of England.

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Current vacancies can be found on the Public Appointments website <https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>. We welcome applications from a wide range of candidates who can demonstrate they have the required skills. We particularly encourage applications from women, disabled and ethnic minority candidates, as well as candidates from other groups which are underrepresented within public appointments.

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The Public Appointments team are live on Twitter and LinkedIn featuring headlines on public appointments that you may find interesting. Our social media handles are listed below.



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