

GDC seeks new Fitness to Practise Panel members

The General Dental Council (GDC) is seeking dental professionals to join its independent Fitness to Practise Panel. Members of the panel are responsible for hearing cases where a dental professional's fitness for registration has been called into question by their conduct, health or professional performance.

Membership of the Fitness to Practise Panel is drawn from an independent pool of dental professionals, as well as lay people. The panel is undertaking a broader range of hearings, and needs more dental professional members to meet this increasing demand.

Applications are invited from all GDC-registrant groups (dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, dental nurses, dental technicians, clinical dental technicians and orthodontic therapists). Applicants do not need to be registered with the GDC when they apply, however they must be registered by 1 June 2007 to proceed with their application.

New members will be selected through an interview process. Successful candidates will receive training to enable them to work on the panel.

Application packs will be available from 8 January 2007 on the GDC website at www.gdc-uk.org and from the Hearings Department on 020 7887 3821, or by email at hearings@gdc-uk.org.

All completed application forms must be received by Monday 26 March 2007.