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GDC Appointments Committee – apply now

Would you like to help maintain the high quality of panel members who judge dental professionals' fitness to practise?

The GDC is seeking applications from dentists and dental care professionals to join its Appointments Committee. Their role will be to oversee the training and performance of the 76 members of the Council's independent Fitness to Practise Panel, and recruit new members in the future as required.

The Appointments Committee is key to making sure all three of the GDC's practice committees (Professional Conduct Committee, Professional Performance Committee and Health Committee) and the Interim Orders Committee continue to work to the highest standards and remain independent.

Further information on becoming a member of the Appointments Committee will be available from 20 August in the 'work for us' section of our website, www.gdc-uk.org. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 17 September 2008.

The new Appointments Committee will take office on 1 January 2009.

Ends

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Note to editors:

1. The Appointments Committee must consist of a Chair and a minimum of three lay people and three dental professionals.
2. The Chair and members will be paid a sessional fee of £353 for each day or part of day. Travelling and subsistence expenses incurred on Council business will be reimbursed.
3. The term of office will be five years. We expect the time commitment to be in the region of five to ten days per year until 2012, when the requirement to recruit new Fitness to Practise Panel members may raise the commitment to around 30 days.