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New Council Members Announced

The Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence (CHRE) welcomed the announcement by the Appointments Commission of the names of six non-executive members of its reformed Council.

The new members took up office on 1 January 2009 under the leadership of Baroness Jill Pitkeathley. The Council will provide strategic direction to ensure that CHRE fulfils its statutory functions and that the organisation retains the trust and confidence of patients and the public.

Commenting on the announcement, Baroness Pitkeathley said:

"We are indeed fortunate to have recruited a Council of such experience and wisdom. We shall work together to ensure that that CHRE will be focused on delivering its statutory functions and activities, achieving good outcomes for patients and the public and developing good working relationships with our key stakeholders."

The new non-executive Council members are:

- Ann Curno
- Andrew Hind (Member and Chair of the Audit Committee)
- Ian Hamer (Wales appointment)
- Sally Irvine
- Stuart MacDonnell (Northern Ireland appointment)
- Jayne Scott (Scotland appointment)

Recruitment and selection of the reconstituted Council was carried out by the independent Appointments Commission. All appointments were made on merit following a fair, open and transparent recruitment and selection process.

The Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence is an independent body accountable to the UK Parliament. It is a UK wide body and works with health ministers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Its primary purpose is to promote the health, safety and well-being of patients and other members of the public. It oversees and scrutinises the health professions regulators, works with them to identify and promote good practice in regulation, carries out research, develops policy and gives advice. It was established in 2003 and was reformed in 2008.

Biographies of new Council members:

Ann Curno

Ann has been a Non-Executive Director of the Mental Health Act Commission (MHAC) since 2001. Additionally, Ann was the Trustee and Deputy Chair of Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales and previously had a long history of service as a trustee on the boards of a wide range of local and voluntary organisations.

Andrew Hind

Andrew has been the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Charity Commission since 2004 and was previously the Chief Operating Officer at the BBC World Service. He was the Chair of the Public Sector Advisory Board at the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, a Commonwealth Secretariat and has also been a non-executive Board member of a number of national charities, including The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund and UNICEF UK.

Ian Hamer

Ian chaired the Air Transport Users Council. He has also been a lay member of the General Optical Council (GOC). He is a magistrate, and sits in Crown Court on appeals from Magistrates Courts. Ian was awarded the OBE in 2000 for services to consumers

Sally Irvine

Sally was the Chair for Newcastle City Health Trust She has been a member of the General Dental Council since 1999. She is also a member of the Solicitors Regulatory Board and was for ten years chief executive of the Royal College of General Practitioners

Stuart MacDonnell

Stuart is the Chief Executive and Accountable Officer for all resources expended by the Northern Health and Social Services Board - he chairs the Board's Senior Management Team. He held the post of Chief Executive of the Board for over 12 years and was a past Chair of the Chief Executives' Group (all Health and social Services Board Chief Executives). Previously, he was the Director of Planning and Information, Northern Health and Social Services Board.

Jayne Scott

Jayne is a Non-executive Director of Ofgem and Chair of the Audit Committee (Ofgem). She is also a partner in Scott Ross Partnership, undertaking management consulting assignments within the public sector and was previously the Finance Director at Fife Health Board. Jayne was previously the Deputy Chair of ENTRUST, government appointed regulators of the Landfill Communities Fund, and Chair of the Audit Committee.

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1. The appointments at CHRE will be for three or four years from January 2009 (see table in point 3 below for individual terms).
2. Remuneration:

Chair of the Council	£33,190 per annum
Audit Chair	£12,941 per annum
Council members	£ 7,765 per annum

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. In accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, all those appointed are required to declare any political activity in the last 5 years and for this declaration to be made public.

3. The declared political activities of the new Council members are:

Council member	Declared political activity in the last five years	Term
Ann Curno	None	1 term of 3 years
Andrew Hind	None	1 term of 4 years
Ian Hamer	None	1 term of 4 years
Sally Irvine	None	1 term of 3 years
Stuart MacDonnell	None	1 term of 4 years
Jayne Scott	None	1 term of 4 years

4. Other appointments currently held by Council members include:

Council member	
Ann Curno	Non-Executive Director – Mental Health Act Commission
Andrew Hind	Chief Executive – The Charity Commission
Ian Hamer	Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee – The General Optical Council
Sally Irvine	Lay member – the General Dental Council
Stuart MacDonnell	Chief Executive – Northern Health & Social Services Board
Jayne Scott	Non-exec. Director of Ofgem and Chair of the Audit Committee

Those who hold appointments with Health Professions' Regulatory Bodies will be required to resign those positions.

5. The Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence (CHRE) is the overarching, independent body overseeing the regulatory work of nine regulatory bodies
 - The General Chiropractic Council;
 - The Pharmaceutical Society of Northern Ireland;
 - The General Dental Council;
 - The General Medical Council;
 - The General Optical Council;
 - The General Osteopathic Council;
 - The Health Professions Council;
 - The Nursing and Midwifery Council;
 - The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.