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HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Appointment of Specialists

REGULATIONS, DATED 27TH SEPTEMBER 1974, MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE UNDER THE HEALTH AND PERSONAL SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1972.

The Department of Health and Social Services (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 16 and 106 of and paragraph 12(2) of Schedule 1 to the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972(**a**) and paragraph 2(1)(*b*) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(**b**) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf and in conjunction with the Department of Finance hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Health and Personal Social Services (Appointment of Specialists) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1974.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the respective meanings hereby assigned to them:

"the Agency" means the Northern Ireland Central Services Agency for the Health and Social Services established under Article 26 of the Order;

"Board" means a Health and Social Services Board established under Article 16 of the Order for any area;

"joint appointment offices" mean whole time offices involving both teaching and hospital duties to which persons are appointed jointly by a Health and Social Services Board and the Queen's University of Belfast;

"lay member" means a member who is not a registered medical or dental practitioner or an officer of a Health and Social Services Board;

"member of the staff of the hospital or hospitals concerned" means, a member of consultant status of the medical staff or of the dental staff where appropriate of the hospital or hospitals in which the successful applicant is to serve;

"the Order" means the Health and Personal Social Services (Northern Ireland) Order 1972;

"panel" means an Advisory Appointments Panel;

"vacancy in an office" includes a new office which it is proposed to fill.

(a) S.I. 1972, No. 1265 (N.I. 14). (b) 1974. c. 28.

Appointments to which the regulations apply

3. These regulations shall apply to appointments by Boards of—

(*a*) any medical or dental officer whether whole-time or part-time to the office of consultant or medical assistant or assistant dental surgeon; and

(*b*) any medical officer whether whole-time or part-time to an office of consultant status in community medicine (hereinafter referred to as a "specialist in community medicine"),

other than the appointment of any person in any of the classes specified in regulation 4.

Exempted appointments

4. The classes referred to in regulation 3 to which these regulations do not apply are:

(*a*) persons appointed to joint appointment offices; or

(*b*) persons who will receive no remuneration for their hospital appointments; or

(*c*) persons appointed to the staff of a hospital primarily for the purpose of undertaking research; or

(*d*) persons appointed to offices which are, with the approval of the Department, expressly limited in duration;

(*e*) persons appointed to the office of Chief Administrative Medical Officer.

Constitution of Advisory Appointments Panels

5.—(1) For the purpose of filling each vacancy in any office to which regulation 3(*a*) applies, other than an office which a Board proposes to fill by the variation of the contract of an existing consultant, medical assistant or assistant dental surgeon, a panel shall be constituted by the Agency in accordance with Schedule 1.

(2) For the purpose of filling each vacancy in any office to which regulation 3(*b*) applies, other than an office which a Board proposes to fill by the variation of the contract of an existing specialist in community medicine, a panel shall be constituted by the Agency in accordance with Schedule 2.

Advertising of vacancy

6. Where a Board proposes to fill a vacancy in any office to which these regulations apply, the Agency shall advertise such vacancy and shall allow not less than one month for the receipt of applications for the appointment.

Selection by panel

7.—(1) The Agency shall refer to the panel all applications received on or before the closing date specified in the advertisement and may also refer an application received after that date if it is satisfied that there is a reasonable explanation for the delay.

(2) The panel shall consider all applications so referred to them and may interview applicants with a view to selecting the persons considered by them to be suitable for the appointment. The panel shall then submit to the Board the selected name or names in order of preference.