

National Information Governance Board for Health and Social Care

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The Department of Health today announced the appointment of members to the National Information Governance Board.

The NIGB, which reports annually to the Secretary of State for Health, will provide leadership and promote consistent standards for information governance across health and social care. It will also arbitrate on the interpretation and application of information governance policy and give advice on matters at national level.

Membership of the Board comprises lay members appointed by the Appointments Commission and also representatives of key stakeholder organisations. The chair, Harry Cayton, was appointed by the secretary of State for Health. Harry Cayton is chief executive of the Council for Healthcare Regulatory Excellence.

Notes to editors

1. All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, where the appointments have been made by the Appointments Commission, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. This is included in their details below. Appointments made by the Appointments Commission have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice.
2. The Appointments Commission has appointed:

Edward Briffa, who is Head of Learning at BMJ Publishing and has a background in online medical education, online broadcasting and TV production. Mr Briffa was appointed for a period of 3 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Sir Rodney Brooke, who is Chairman of the General Social Care Council (which is a Ministerial Appointment) and has a long and distinguished career in local government. Sir Rodney was appointed for a period of 3 years, declared no other Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Della Cannings, who is a retired Chief Constable and holder of the Queen's Police Medal. Ms Cannings was appointed for a period of 3 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Wayne Cleghorn, who is a Senior Legal Officer with South Gloucestershire Council and has a background in public and private sector legal services. Mr Cleghorn was appointed for a period of 3 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Ian Hayes who is a self employed consultant and a Trustee of The Terence Higgins Trust. Mr Hayes has a background in the NHS and local government, was appointed for a period of 4 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Penny Hill, who is Information Strategy Manager at Warwickshire County Council and has a background in social care and in information technology. Mrs Hill was appointed for a period of 3 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Dr Nadeem Khan who is Programme Lead for retinal screening services at Sutton and Merton Primary care Trust and a part time lecturer in neuro-anatomy and neuropathology. He has a background in medical education and biomedical sciences. Dr Khan was appointed for a period of 3 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Hilary Newiss is a retired solicitor and Intellectual Property Consultant who is also involved in public policy work. Ms Newiss was appointed for a period of 4 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Rabbi Sylvia Rothschild is Rabbi at Wimbledon Synagogue and has previously worked in social care. Rabbi Rothschild was appointed for a period of 3 years, holds no Ministerial appointments and declared no political interests.

Dr Michael Wilks, who is a Senior Forensic Medical Examiner with the Metropolitan Police. His background is as a clinician and he has previously chaired the BMA Ethics Committee. Dr Wilks was appointed for a period of 4 years and holds no Ministerial appointments. He declared a political interest in the Liberal Democrat Party.

All appointed members are paid £145 a day plus travel expenses to attend Board meetings.

3. Stakeholder organisations represented on the Board are:

Attending:

- The Association of Directors of Adult Social
- Allied Health Professions Federation
- The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges
- The Academy of Medical Sciences
- The British Medical Association
- The Independent Healthcare Advisory Service
- The Local Government Association
- The NHS Confederation
- The Royal College of Nursing
- The UK Council for Caldicott Guardians

Corresponding:

- The Foundation Trust Network
- The General Medical Council
- The Information Standards Board for Health and Social Care
- The Medical Defence Union
- The Medical Protection Society
- Ministry of Defence Health Services
- NHS Employers
- The Royal College of Midwives
- The Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
- The Strategic Health Authority Chief Information Officers Council