ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON BORDERLINE SUBSTANCES (ACBS)
Chair and up to 10 Members

The Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS) is the Committee responsible for advising approved prescribers on the prescribing of certain foodstuffs and cosmetic products. The ACBS was established in 1971 and is currently an advisory non-departmental public body (NDPB), non-statutory and UK-wide. During 2012, it is expected that the ACBS will no longer be classified as a public body by the Cabinet Office and will instead be constituted by the Department of Health as a Departmental Expert Committee.

Chair
Reference: A12-05

The Secretary of State is seeking to appoint a high calibre candidate with a proven track record of achievement and personal credibility and senior level experience within one of the relevant fields of clinical practice: Dermatology, Dietetics (Community / Paediatric / Home Enteral Feeding) Gastroenterology, Gerontology, General Practitioner, Paediatrics, Pharmacy (Community Dispensing).

The Chair will provide leadership to the panel and its members to ensure that it provides the best possible advice and guidance on this critical area within the terms of reference of the ACBS.

Members
Reference: A12-06

Candidates must have a broad range of expertise relevant to the work of the ACBS, in particular we are looking for physicians, dieticians and pharmacists, who are able to use this expertise to benefit the work of the Committee.

Time commitment and location

The Committee usually meets three times a year in London. The Chair will be appointed for a 4 year term and Members for a period of between three and four years.

These posts are not remunerated but you are eligible to claim allowances at rates set centrally for travel and subsistence cost necessarily incurred on ACBS business.

How to apply

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on 7 June 2012.

The interviews for the Chair will take place on 20 June 2012.

For more information, and to apply please visit the website www.dh.gov.uk/appointments. You can call Samantha Alcock on 0113 254 5845 to request an alternative format such as braille, large print and audio quoting reference A12-05 for the Chair and A12-06 for the Member roles.

We value and promote diversity and are committed to equality of opportunity for all and appointments made on merit.