

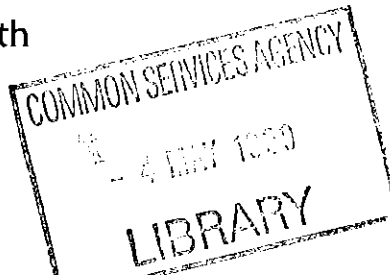


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Dear Colleague

30<sup>th</sup> April 1999

## REVISED GENERAL GUIDANCE ON APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES THE NATIONAL PANEL OF SPECIALISTS

### Addressees

### Summary

#### For action:

Chief Executives, NHS Trusts

1. This letter encloses the current membership list for the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 1993.

General Managers, Health Boards

General Manager, Common Services Agency

General Manager, State Hospitals Board for Scotland

General Manager, Health Education Board for Scotland

### Action

Executive Director, Scottish Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education

2. Trusts and Health Boards should:

- note the appointment of new members of the Panel who will serve from 1 May 1999 to 30 April 2003.

3. Details of what is required are set out in the Appendix and Annexes attached.

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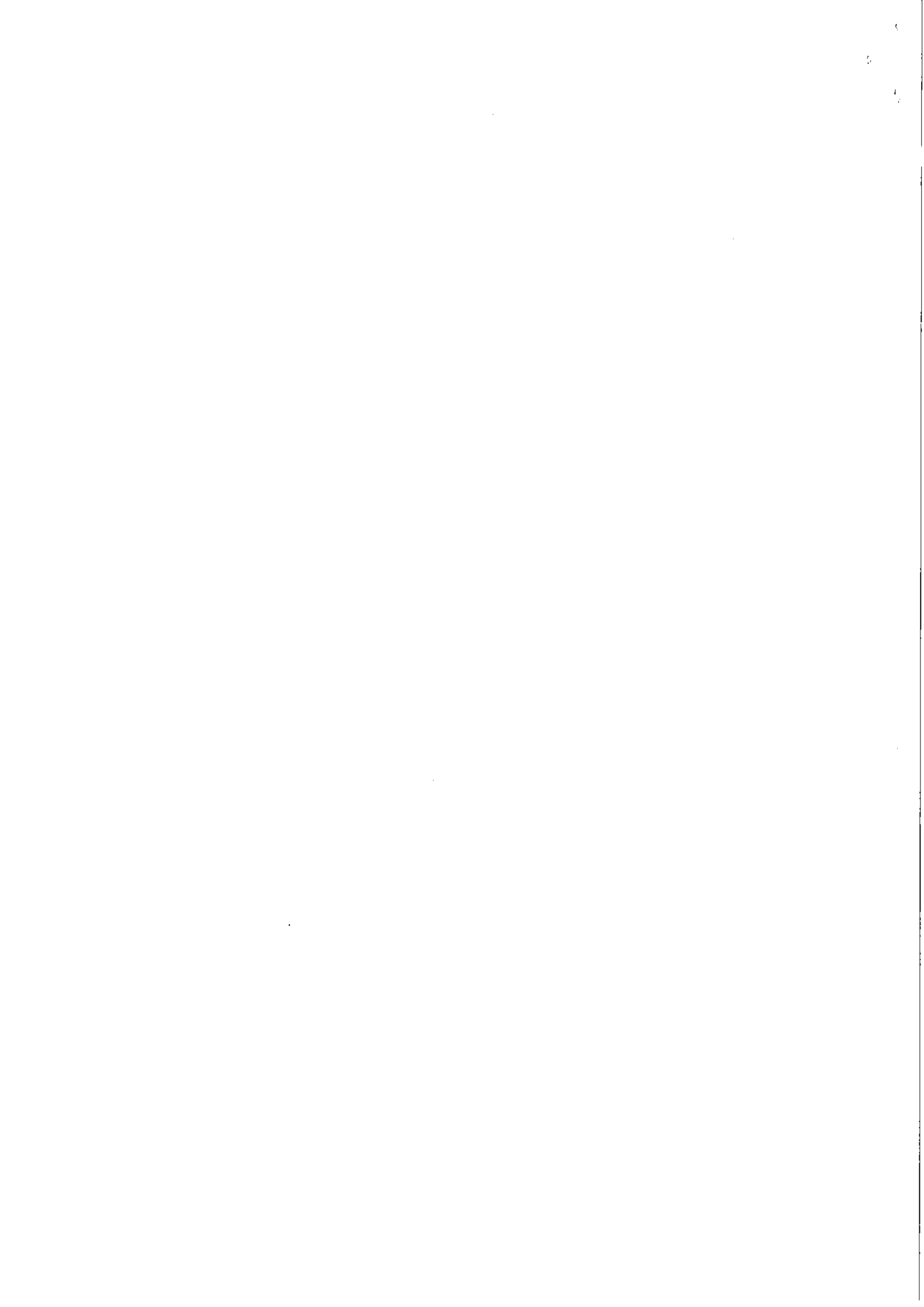
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General

1. The National Panel of Specialists is constituted under regulation 6 of the National Health Service (Appointment of Consultants) (Scotland) Regulations 1993. The National Panel provides members for Consultant Advisory Appointments Committees, also constituted under the 1993 Regulations. The enclosed membership list supersedes that enclosed with NHS MEL(1998)27.

2. The Panel has been structured to ensure that approximately one-quarter of the members retire each year, retiring members may, however, be re-appointed, subject to any conditions which the Secretary of State may impose. After retirement from a consultant post, a member of the Panel may complete his or her term of office unless he or she first attains the age of 70 years, at which time membership must cease.

Changes to the Panel

3. To assist in maintaining an up-to-date list of members, NHS Trusts and Health Boards are asked to inform the Scottish Office Department of Health when any Panel member leaves NHS employment for any reason.

Secretary to the Panel

4. The Secretary to the National Panel of Specialists is Dr D J Ewing, SODoH, Room 360, St Andrew's House, Edinburgh, EH1 3DG (Tel: 0131-244-2275) to whom any enquiries of a professional nature should be referred.

