

## **NIHR Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme**

### **Chairs - HTA Commissioning Board and Clinical Evaluation & Trials Board (two posts)**

The Director of the NIHR HTA programme, Professor Tom Walley CBE, seeks to appoint two leaders in the field of health technology assessment or related applied clinical research, to undertake the duties of Chairs of the NIHR HTA Commissioning Board and the NIHR HTA Clinical Evaluation and Trials Board. The appointments are for three years in the first instance. Professor Jon Nicholl, the current post-holder, is stepping down at the end of his term of office.

As Chair you will be responsible for leading one of the main HTA grant-awarding boards, and commissioning a portfolio of research at a cost increasing to £88m per year. Other responsibilities will include, contributing to the strategic development of the HTA programme and representing the Programme Director.

The total time commitment to the NIHR HTA programme in attendance at meetings, providing specific advice and undertaking background and planning work will be, on average, one and a half days per week for each board. Alternatively there is potential for combining both Chairs into one post (3 days per week). The Department of Health will reimburse the successful applicants' employers for their time commitment.

Successful candidates will have enthusiasm and experience of health technology assessment, sound knowledge of R&D in the NHS including methods of research, excellent communication and negotiating skills, proven ability to chair large committees effectively, and a track record of research leadership and involvement in commissioning research.

The contract will initially be of three years duration, to be reviewed at two years. The Department of Health will reimburse the successful applicant's employing institution for their time commitment.

For a job description and person specification contact:

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Applications in the form of a CV together with a supporting statement of suitability should be sent to Sam Brown, contact details above.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is: 1.00pm on 25 September 2009.

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