



scottish professional
advisory committee
nomination form

Which area(s) would you represent?

practice

- Acute
- Primary Care
- Mental Health
- Public Health

geographical

- North of Scotland
- East of Scotland
- West of Scotland

Please tick all that are appropriate

At what level do you practice?

- Director of Pharmacy
- Chief Pharmacist
- Senior Operational Manager
- Senior Pharmacist (D/E)
- B/C Grade Pharmacist
- Other (please specify)

Statement in support of nomination (continue on another sheet if necessary)

Name of Proposer _____ Membership No. _____ Signature _____

Name of Seconder _____ Membership No. _____ Signature _____

I confirm I am willing to accept this nomination

Signature _____

Name _____ Membership No. _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____



Guild of
Healthcare
Pharmacists



**Launch of GHP Scottish
Professional
Advisory Committee**

The Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists is pleased to announce the creation of the GHP Scottish Professional Advisory Committee. It is intended that the Committee support the National Secretary for Scotland in addressing the professional agenda in Scotland. It has been agreed that the Committee will concentrate on professional issues and not normally consider any terms and conditions issues. The intention is that the Committee encompass all aspects of pharmacy in the managed service and therefore members may represent either geographical areas, spheres of practice or both.

This flier details the remit of the Committee, the background to its creation and an idea of how it might work in practice. It also contains a nomination form for membership of the Committee.

Nominations to the Committee must be received by 30th June 2006 and the membership of the Committee will be announced as soon as possible thereafter.



Colin Rodden

The current Regional Member for Scotland (and therefore National Secretary for Scotland) is Colin Rodden. Based in Glasgow, Colin has represented the Scotland West District of the Guild on Council since 1993. He has been National Secretary for Scotland since 1995. To improve communication with members, he set up the www.ghpscot.org website and the ghpscot mailing list which all GHP members are eligible to join

Completed forms should be returned to **Colin Rodden**, Pharmacy Dept. Gartnavel General Hospital, 1053 Great Western Road, Glasgow G12 0YN no later than **30th June 2006**

Background

The changes to Council structure required by Amicus as part of the implementation of the rulebook, included an agreement that one representative should be elected from each Amicus health region. This effectively means a reduction of one representative for Scotland. The further requirement that any remaining posts on Council must have a delegated responsibility means that it is by no means certain that an additional Council member would be resident in Scotland.

Pre-1990, there were two Scottish District Member seats, although one seat also covered Northern Ireland. In 1990, the seat between Northern Ireland and West of Scotland was split; such that a third seat was created in the process. This left one Scottish seat covering the north and east, and a second seat covering the west.

GHP established the roles of National Secretaries for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales in 1999, with a remit for each to represent the views of GHP at national level, and to take a lead in dealing with local consultations.

It has been pointed out that the workload for the current Scottish Secretary has been exceptionally heavy.

The Council restructure means that only one member of Council is guaranteed to work and reside in Scotland although there might be the option to co-opt additional members on a 'task & finish' basis.

At the meeting of the New Council on 11th May 2006, it was agreed that

- 1 That the Scottish Regional Member should retain the rights and responsibilities of GHP National Secretary for Scotland.
- 2 That a GHP Scottish Professional Advisory Committee be established to support the GHP National Secretary for Scotland.
- 3 That the Group limits activities to advice on Professional Issues

Remit of GHP Scottish Professional Advisory Committee

- 1 To convene, when required, to discuss matters of importance with either a Scottish background, or the potential to impact on Scottish activity.
- 2 To provide geographic representation of GHP membership throughout Scotland
- 3 To provide sectoral representation of the GHP membership in Scotland
- 4 To assist in preparation of responses to public consultations, where these are purely Scottish documents, or the potential exists to impact considerably on Scottish pharmaceutical practice.

- 5 To support the Scottish Secretary, where required in meetings with the Health Department, Ministers or other public bodies
- 6 To provide the Scottish Secretary with localised information either on request, or where necessary as an act of information.
- 7 To compile and maintain a database of appropriate Scottish pharmaceutical specialists, who are GHP members, who may be used as detailed contacts for GHP Council
- 8 To co-ordinate and run other surveys, especially in relation to recruitment
- 9 For individuals to attend GHP Council or one of its subcommittees in the role of 'task & finish'

Proposed Composition

It was agreed that there should be a representative member from the three major areas, 'North, East & West' and there should be a Chief Pharmacist or Senior Operational Manager representative. In addition to Acute Care representation, there should be a Primary Care representative and/or a Mental Health representative and/or Public Health representative. It would be possible for a member of the Group to have two responsibilities, e.g. being the representative from the East with remit for Primary Care. A maximum of six members has been proposed.

N.B. All members of the Group must be full members of GHP and Amicus and must be either accredited reps, or deemed by Amicus Health Sector to have attained equivalent recognition

Operational

The Scottish Advisory Group shall be convened by the Scottish National Secretary, who shall choose his or her advisors. As advice may be taken from GHP members in Scotland as to who shall be suitable representatives, the decision has been taken to ask for nominations.

Due to geographic considerations, formal meetings may be occasional. Contact will probably be through personal and group e-mail / telephone conference / videoconference.

The term of office for the Group shall be the same as for the Scottish Secretary. The groups shall be reconstituted following the election of the Scottish Regional Member.

The GHP Scottish National Secretary shall be considered to have wide autonomy as to how to handle relevant issues. He or she has the freedom to consult within or outside the group where in his or her judgement it is most expedient for GHP and its Scottish membership.

Further information can be obtained from Colin Rodden at scotsec@ghpscot.org.uk