

Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs

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Dear President Lorna Marson,

Recruitment for members to the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO)

I am writing to inform you of that the Advisory Committee on the Safety of Blood, Tissues and Organs (SaBTO) is currently recruiting for new members.

The role of SaBTO is to advise Ministers on the safety of organs, tissues and blood for transfusion/transplantation. As such, the Committee has a very wide remit and relies heavily on its members for their expertise which has to cover not only the clinical aspects of these substances but, also the scientific, microbiological, epidemiological, public health, health economic, lay and ethical issues. The breadth of the remit and the implications for public health means that the discussions are both informed and informative. The Committee works closely with UK governmental departments, the national blood services as well as professional bodies.

We are looking for applicants who will complement the existing skill base and are hoping to recruit new members with different areas of expertise, including health economics, microbiology, haematology, transplant clinicians and a prion disease specialist. We appreciate the increasing pressures on scientists and health care professionals but the time commitment is not great and, I believe, well worth it. If you would like to discuss any aspects of the work of the Committee before or after you have applied, please do get in touch. The recruitment campaign, along with further information, can be found on the Department of Health and Social Care website: https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-health-and-social-care/about/recruitment#dhsc-boards-and-committees-vacancies

I would be grateful if you could use your internal and external communication networks to ensure that the SaBTO recruitment adverts are circulated as widely as possible to your community.

Yours sincerely

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