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Chair of the In Vitro Diagnostics Expert Advisory Group

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The Interim Devices Working Group (IDWG) is looking to appoint a Chair to the In Vitro Diagnostics Expert Advisory Group (IVD EAG).

The IVD EAG is a subgroup of the IDWG that provides independent expert advice to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) on the development, implementation, and evaluation of IVD devices. The group's objective is to ensure that IVD regulations, guidance and regulatory practices support innovation, maintain high standards of safety and efficacy, and align with international and domestic leading practices.

IVD EAG is formed of experts in the field of in vitro diagnostics, including scientists, engineers, clinicians, pathologists, and diagnostics regulatory specialists. Representatives from relevant government departments and agencies, e.g. NICE, Devolved Administrations, NIHR, UK HSA, etc. Non-industry stakeholders, including representatives from academia and learned organisations such as the Royal Colleges and Biomedical faculties and patient or patient group representatives to ensure patient perspectives are considered.

As Chair, you will be able to synthesize complex scientific information and present it authoritatively to Ministers and the MHRA as required. Coordinate and lead meetings, set agendas, and ensure effective communication and to finalise recommendations/advice within the group.

We are looking for someone who has the highest scientific and medical standing and is a leader in their field. You will have the ability to effectively lead an expert advisory group, and be a skilled communicator, with the ability to speak on a range of issues outside your own area of specialism.

The IVD EAG provides advice and recommendations to IDWG and MHRA on:

- The development and implementation of IVDs, including policies, regulations, and guidance.
- The research, development, and evaluation of certain IVDs, including their clinical evidence and performance.
- Applications for exceptional use authorisation of IVDs.
- Applications for Coronavirus test device approvals.
- The stakeholders, including professional organisations and patient groups, to gather diverse perspectives and insights.
- Emerging trends and advancements in IVD technologies to ensure the regulatory frameworks remain current with technological advancements.
- Matters arising from scientific, clinical, or regulatory evidence uncertainty and where leading practice guidance may be required.

IVDEAG also input into MHRA statements, advice, and recommendations.

IVDEAG Chair is not employed by MHRA. IVDEAG Chair is independent from MHRA and provides their time on a voluntary basis.

The closing date for applications is 7 November 2025.

Role and responsibilities of the Chair of the IDWG's In Vitro Diagnostics Expert Advisory Group

As Chair you will:

- Lead this EAG, participate in the drafting of the Agenda, chair the meetings (4 meetings a year) and where decisions are required support the EAG to reach a consensus.
- Have a flexible attitude, ability and enthusiasm to lead the team members. Help the EAG to work collaboratively, ensuring a balanced contribution from all EAG members.
- Take full account of the evidence in making decisions and consider the analysis and interpretation of the evidence prepared by MHRA. The Chair must therefore establish trust and mutual respect among members of the EAG and give opportunities for all members to contribute to its discussions and activities.
- Ensure all EAG members consider equality, diversity and inclusion in all of the discussions.
- Be experienced in assessing benefit and risk in relation to evidence presented in order to contribute expertise to generate effective actions to mitigate risk
- Read papers in advance of meetings
- Occasionally comment on documents in between meetings by email
- Keep the work of the EAG confidential
- Ensure effective and appropriate management of potential conflicts of interest of their members
- Be committed to the public service values of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, professionalism, impartiality and consistency.

Essential Criteria

The Chair must be able to demonstrate the qualities, skills and experience to meet all the essential criteria for appointment.

- Experience in a senior role with responsibility for making decisions related to patient safety
- Experience of the application of methodologies for the assessment of benefit and risk
- Be experienced at assessing benefit and risk relating to patient safety and substantial and proven interest in medical devices
- Highly experienced at assessing benefit and risk at a population level e.g. public health with a substantial interest in medical devices.
- Experience of chairing advisory committees, with diverse membership, at a national or regional level
- An active member of a royal college, professional society, relevant faculty or equivalent

Skills

- Be an experienced practitioner who can provide their specialism's perspective on relevant UK practice and medical device-related matters.
- Have the ability to represent the views of the wider IVD and to feedback the work of EAG to its members.
- Ability to operate effectively on an expert scientific committee
- Be able to assimilate and interpret complex scientific information and formulate evidence-based comments /advice at short notice
- Be able and prepared to contribute actively to the work of the EAG, including on issues outside of own specialism
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

- Ability to identify solutions to difficult problems, with an objective, independent and impartial approach
- Flexible attitude, ability, and enthusiasm to work as a leader
- Be willing to develop a working knowledge and understanding of UK medical device regulatory framework and procedures
- Maintain strict confidentiality with respect to the work of the EAG
- Be able to declare conflicts of interest and adhere to the Code of Practice (link)
- Be committed to the values of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, professionalism, impartiality and consistency.
- Recognised by their peers as a leader in their field e.g., and Royal College, nationally recognised clinical associations, nationally recognised academic research teams

Desirable Criteria

- The ability to network more widely is desirable.

Remuneration

- You may claim travel and subsistence expenses, which are properly and necessarily incurred in carrying out your role and responsibilities as the Chair of the IVD EAG, in line with travel and subsistence policy and rates for the MHRA. A copy of the policy and rates is available from the MHRA.

Time Commitment

- 4 meetings per year, held virtually/in person.

Tenure of office

- 3 years

How to Apply

If you are interested in joining the **IVDEAG**, please email your application form, completed declaration of interests form and monitoring form to CSTrecruitment@mhra.gov.uk, quoting the position and reference **IVDEAG25-1** in the subject field. Please ensure that you provide evidence to support how you meet all of the essential criteria.

If you require an alternative format, please call the Appointments Team on 020 3080 6060 quoting the reference **IVDEAG25-1.**

The closing date for applications is 7 November 2025. The MHRA value and promote diversity and encourage applications from all sections of the community.