Dr Brian Gibbons announces Non-Executive Director re-appointments to NHS Trusts in Wales

Minister for Health and Social Services, Dr Brian Gibbons, announced today that the following Non-Executive Directors have been re-appointed:

**Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust**
Mrs Mary Lee was formerly a Non-Executive Director with Bridgend & District NHS Trust. She is currently the Chairperson of the Financial Audit Committee and a member of the SMTL Project Board. Mrs Lee has a long association with Revlon at Maesteg. Mrs Lee has been re-appointed for a further 2 years.

**Conwy & Denbighshire NHS Trust**
Mr Roger Hebden retired in 2003 after more than 40 years in public service within Local Government within the environmental public health arena. Latterly he was a Director of Public Protection following which he worked as an independent consultant. He played an active part in the public health aspects of his role, working with the North Wales Health Authority on the development of the Health Improvement programme up until 1999. He has supported the Scout movement for 30 years in the role of Group Scout leader and continues to enjoy supporting the scouts on outward bound activities when possible. Mr Hebden has been re-appointed for a further 4 years.

**Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust**
Mr David Murray is a former City Councillor in Newport and chairman of its social services committee, with over thirty years public service. He is also the Director of Age Concern in Gwent. Mr Murray has been re-appointed for a further 4 years.

Ms Pat Smail is a research consultant and partner in Focus Consultancy, undertaking social research across the public and non-profit sectors in Wales and across the UK. She is a registered social worker, having previously worked in children and family services in both Wales and England. She is the Welsh member of the UK Social Security Advisory Committee and has a particular interest in equality and diversity issues. Her current research interests include increasing the participation of children and young people in decision making, looking after children and ‘joining up’ services. Ms Smail has been re-appointed for a further 2 years.

**North East Wales NHS Trust**
Mr Mike Simkins is a Chartered Civil Engineer and prior to retirement in 2002, was Director of Development Services for Wrexham County Borough Council with responsibility for Economic & Community Development, Planning, Property and Transportation. He has also been a non-executive director of Careers Wales North-East since 1997. Mike currently chairs the Trust's Audit and Risk Management Committees and the Estates Strategy Team and is also a member of the Finance & Budgetary Control Committee and the Capital Board. Mr Simkins has been re-appointed for a further 4 years.
Pontypridd & Rhondda NHS Trust
Mrs Margaret Pritchard began her professional career as a broadcaster in 1971. For many years she was a newsreader/programme presenter with HTV Wales, later concentrating on social affairs programmes dealing with disability, health, employment and charity issues. Mrs Pritchard is also a school governor. Since May 2000 she has been Chief Executive of George Thomas Hospice Care, the major provider of specialist home based palliative care for Cardiff and the Vale, which in July 2005 opened its new purpose built award winning hospice centre Ty George Thomas. In 2005 she gained the Western Mail 'Welsh Woman of the Year in the Community' award. Mrs Pritchard has been re-appointed for a further 2 years.

Mrs Mary Williams qualified as a Social Worker in 1974 and has specialized in child protection. She currently works as a self employed Children’s Guardian. Mrs Williams is also a Magistrate, a Lay Member of the Mental Health Tribunal and sits on two Welsh Assembly Advisory Bodies: Health Commission Wales and the other on employment. Mrs Williams has been re-appointed for a further 2 years.

Swansea NHS Trust
Mrs Chantel Patel has worked as a lecturer within the Centre for philosophy, humanities and law in healthcare in the School of Health Science at Swansea University. She has a long association with the NHS, having trained as a nurse in the early 70s. She has studied law and undertook a Legal practice course, she has been teaching law for the 12 years. She also has particular interest in human resource issues and currently chairs the Trust Equality and Diversity Committee. Mrs Patel has been re-appointed for a further 2 years.

Notes:
NHS Public Appointments are made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments Code of Practice.

NHS Trust Non-Executive Directors will receive a remuneration of £8,400p.a (Band 2) and £12,000p.a (Band 3) for a time commitment of 4 days a month.

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Mr David Murray and Mrs Mary Williams are members of the Labour Party, but the other Non executive Directors have not been involved in any political activity in the last five years.

NHS Trusts are self-governing units within the NHS, responsible for the ownership and management of hospitals or other establishments or facilities vested in them. They are also responsible for carrying out the individual functions set out in the Establishment Orders.

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