



**Appointments to the Board of Beaumont Hospital**

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The Public Appointments Service (PAS), established under statute in 2004, provides an independent shared service in recruitment, assessment and selection to organisations across the Civil and Public Services. On 30 September 2014, the Government decided that the PAS should also be given responsibility for putting in place an open, accessible, rigorous and transparent system to support Ministers in making appointments to State Boards. Our dedicated website, [www.stateboards.ie](http://www.stateboards.ie), is the channel through which the PAS advertises vacancies on State Boards. It is also the means through which accomplished, experienced and qualified people, including people who might not previously have been identified as available for appointment, can then apply to be considered for particular vacancies.

## Membership of State Boards

High standards of corporate governance in all State Agencies, whether in the commercial or non-commercial sphere, are critical to ensuring a positive contribution to the State's overall social and economic development.

Members of State Boards are appointed to act on behalf of the citizen to oversee the running of the affairs of state bodies. State bodies must serve the interests of the taxpayer, pursue value for money in their endeavours (including managing risk appropriately), and act transparently as public entities. Members of State Boards, and the relevant management team, are accountable for the proper management of the organisation.

Board members should act on a fully informed basis, in good faith, with due diligence and care, and in the best interest of the State body, subject to the objectives set by Government. In that regard and in accordance with 13.2 of the Guidelines on Appointments to State Boards, "it is advisable that no member of a State Board should serve more than two full terms of appointment or should hold appointments to more than two State Boards."

The [Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016](#) (the Code) provides a framework for the application of best practice in corporate governance by both commercial and non-commercial State bodies.

In order to be an effective contributor on a State Board it is recommended that members should:

- bring independent and objective scrutiny to the oversight of the organisation;
- be prepared to be challenging when necessary while being supportive to the delivery of organisational strategy and objectives;
- be equipped to offer considered advice on the basis of sound judgement and experience;
- be prepared to make a time commitment to their work commensurate with their role.

## Appointments to the Board of Beaumont Hospital

<b>Location:</b>	Beaumont Hospital, Dublin
<b>Number of Vacancies:</b>	5
<b>Remuneration:</b>	None – Travel and Subsistence expenses
<b>Time Requirements:</b>	Board meets six times a year for formal board meetings lasting approximately two hours. The Board has 3 sub-committees, each of which meet four times a year, with an option for a fifth meeting if required. Each sub-committee meeting lasts for approximately 1.5 hours. Board members are required to sit on at least one sub-committee. Board and sub-committee meetings generally require a maximum of two hours preparation. In addition, the Board also meets for a strategy planning session once a year, for a duration of approximately half a day.

Candidates' attention is also drawn to the provisions of the Code in relation to Audit and Risk Committee membership which can be found [here](#).

### 1. Background

Beaumont Hospital is a large academic teaching hospital 5km north of Dublin City centre delivering high quality of care to patients, excellent training to students and a friendly, stimulating and professional environment for staff. It employs approximately 3,700 staff and has 820 beds. The annual budget is approximately €316m. It is the principal teaching hospital for the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Beaumont Hospital is one of six hospitals in the RCSI Hospital Group. The establishment of Hospital Groups has enabled a better configuration of hospital services with benefits relating to safety, quality, access, cost and sustainable medical staffing. The structure ensures that Hospitals working together in a Group will be able to support each other, providing a stronger role for smaller hospitals in delivering less complex care, and ensuring that those who require emergency or complex planned care are managed safely in larger hospitals.

Beaumont Hospital provides acute care services across all medical and surgical specialties and delivers care in some specialties on a national basis. It is a Designated Cancer Centre and Treatment Centre for Ear, Nose, Throat and Gastroenterology and National Centre for Neurosurgery and Neurology, Renal Transplantation, Cochlear Implantation and Head and Neck surgery.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Raheny, is under the management of Beaumont Hospital Board since the 6th of August 2004. St. Joseph's is an acute Hospital and provides both Medical and Surgical treatment, Outpatient Physiotherapy and Radiology services. The Hospital has also developed a Rehabilitation Unit.

Tradition:

Beaumont Hospital opened in 1987, following the closure and merger of the Charitable Infirmary, Jervis Street and the Richmond Hospital. Both hospitals had a long and proud tradition of advancing patient care and a strong association with pioneers in medicine, such as Sir Dominic Corrigan. This tradition of excellence in patient care and clinical research is at the core of our ethos.

Leadership:

Beaumont Hospital plays a leading role in the transformation process in the Irish health services, including establishment of a number of clinical directorates, the development of formal academic and service development links with sister hospitals as part of an academic and regional network. It looks forward to continuing to strengthen its national and international role in provision of quality health care, innovation and patient management.

## 2. Functions of the Board

The Board is collectively responsible for the long-term sustainability of Beaumont Hospital. As set out in Regulation 4 of S.I. No 255 of 1977 (Beaumont Hospital Board (Establishment) Order, 1977 as substituted by S.I. No. 13 of 1988), the functions of the Board are as follows

- (a) To conduct, maintain, manage and develop at the hospital built by the Board at Beaumont, Dublin such hospital services as may, from time to time, be approved by the Minister;
- (b) To provide such facilities for the teaching of medical, nursing and para-medical students as may, from time to time, be determined by the Minister after consultation with the Board;
- (c) To provide such other services and facilities as may, from time to time, be determined by the Minister, after consultation with the Board.

Current board composition:

Name	First Appointed	Expiry Date	Position type	Basis of appointment
Daryl Barron	19/06/2020	18/06/2023	Member	Nominated by Dublin City Council/Fingal County Council. Appointed by the Minister for Health
Caitriona Sharkey	29/06/2017	28/06/2021	Member	Nominated and Appointed by Minister for Health
Gerard Moore	17/04/2020	16/04/2023	Member	Nominated by DCU and Appointed by Minister for Health
Gerry Murray	29/06/2017	28/06/2021	Member	Nominated and Appointed by Minister for Health
Gillian Harford	29/06/2017	19/06/2023	Chair	Nominated and Appointed by Minister for Health following PAS process. Previously a member since 2017.
Henry McGarvey	29/06/2017	28/06/2023	Member	Nominated and Appointed by Minister for Health
Paul McNally	17/04/2020	16/04/2023	Member	Nominated by the RCSI and Appointed by the Minister for Health
Una Kennedy	17/04/2020	16/04/2023	Member	Nominated by IGCP and Appointed by the Minister for Health

### **3. Person Specification**

The Minister for Health invites applications from suitably qualified candidates to fill 5 vacancies on the board of Beaumont Hospital.

Candidate's attention is drawn to the provisions of the Code in relation to the role of a Board member, where the principle states:-

- Each State body should be headed by an effective Board which is collectively responsible for the long-term sustainability of the body.
- Non-executive Board members should bring an independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance resources, key appointments and standard of conduct.

Details on the role of Board Members can be found in Section 3 of the Code which can be found here.

#### **Essential**

Candidates must demonstrate in their application evidence of extensive experience in one of the following areas:

#### **Role 1: Accounting and Audit**

Candidates must have a career history at an appropriately senior level in a large complex organisation which demonstrates experience in accounting, audit and financial planning and the presentation and interpretation of financial performance. They must have the technical competence to take a strong role on both the Audit and Finance Committees, and will be required to serve on both committees. They will demonstrate a capacity to learn and to understand the economics of health care and the budgets required to achieve the hospital's mission.

#### **Role 2: Clinical Governance, Quality Assurance and Patient Safety**

Candidates must demonstrate evidence of an understanding of the complexity of providing evidence-based, high quality and safe care, including risk management, and the Board's specific governance role in assuring itself of quality and patient safety. Candidates must also demonstrate an understanding of the role of the Board in providing strategic guidance and oversight, in regularly reviewing and responding to information relating to quality and safety outcomes for service users, supporting the associated learning and its dissemination, including learning from national and local investigations.

#### **Role 3: Strategy and Business Change**

Candidates must demonstrate evidence of experience of driving organisational change and transformation and have a strong passion, interest and background in influencing strategy towards modernizing practices. Strong project management background including Business Continuity Management, ICT and Capital Projects would be an advantage. Past experience operating in a regulated environment would be desirable but is not essential.

#### **Role 4: Corporate Governance (commencing June 2021)**

Candidates must demonstrate evidence of a strong understanding of corporate governance, compliance and codes of practice. Specific experience operating within the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies would be an advantage. Experience in the health sector is not an essential requirement.

#### **Role 5: Finance & Business Management (commencing June 2021)**

Candidates must have experience operating as business leader in a complex environment. Strong service industry background including process and operations would be an advantage. Experience of commercial decisions and financial oversight, purchasing and procurement would be an ideal asset but is not essential.

#### **Desirable**

- Previous experience on a board, ideally a hospital or state board would be an advantage.
- Relevant qualification and/or membership of a relevant professional body.
- Highly developed oral, written, presentation and leadership skills, with the ability to develop, communicate and gain ownership for a clear vision and direction.
- The ability to take an objective approach to decision-making and the confidence and resilience required to operate in a complex and high-profile organisation.

#### **Excluded groups:**

In line with good governance principles, the governance recommendations in the HIQA Tallaght Investigation Report and the HIQA Halappanavar Report, current staff members of Beaumont Hospital will not be appointed to the Board.

The Minister shall have regard to the desirability for gender balance, diversity and inclusion on the Board as the Minister considers appropriate and determines from time to time when making appointments, in line with the updated Code.

In order to qualify for appointment a person must not have any legal impediment or conflicts of interest likely to interfere with his/her ability to assume the role of a member of the Board. Please give careful consideration to the possibility of any potential conflict of interest that may exist and address this in your cover letter. The Assessment Panel may decide, based on the perceived level of conflict, not to forward your name for consideration.

#### **4. Term of Appointment**

Appointments to the Board will be for an initial period of up to 3 years. There will be an option to extend the term of engagement, subject to:

- The membership of any member of the Board may be terminated by the Minister at any time, on the basis of reasons to be stated by the Minister.
- A member of the Board may resign his or her membership of the Board by notice in writing sent or given to the Minister, and the resignation shall take effect on the day on which the Minister receives the notice.

- Members of the Board shall, subject to the provisions of this Schedule, hold office upon such terms and conditions as the Minister may, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, from time to time determine.
- The roles and responsibilities of Board Members are described in the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016 which is available here [Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies](#).
- A board member shall cease to be a member of the board if he or she is nominated as a member of Seanad Éireann, is elected as a member of either House of the Oireachtas or as a representative in the European Parliament, elected to the European Parliament, or becomes a member of a local authority.

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## 5. Submitting your Application

Before submitting your application, please review the self-assessment questionnaire which can be found [here](#). This questionnaire is designed to help you in considering whether to submit an expression of interest - you are not required to submit the questionnaire as part of the application process.

Having considered the general suitability criteria for membership of a State Board, you should consider carefully how your background and experience fits with the specific appointment criteria set out in the Person Specification section in this booklet.

Your submission should be made via the following link [www.stateboards.ie](http://www.stateboards.ie) together with your **Curriculum Vitae** and a **cover letter** (see Appendix 1 of this booklet for help with the online process).

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Please take care when submitting your expression of interest. As the Assessment Panel will generally make its recommendation(s) based on consideration of the documentation which you submit, it is most important that you do the following:

1. *Ensure your Cover Letter (and supporting CV) clearly specifies how your particular background and experience meets the requirements of the Authority position(s) specified in this booklet, and*
2. *That you fully answer any supplementary questions which are presented to you as part of our online application process.*

This will help ensure that the Assessment Panel is as informed as possible as to the basis for your candidature and why you believe you are a person who could potentially be appointed to this State Board. **Please only include information that is directly relevant to the particular role for which you are applying.**

If you have any questions regarding the application process please email [info@stateboards.ie](mailto:info@stateboards.ie).

## 6. Assessment Process

An Assessment Panel (the “Panel”) will be convened by PAS to consider and assess the applications received by PAS. The Panel will:

- review and discuss the expressions of interest received against the specific appointment criteria for the role, as advertised in this Information Booklet;
- assess potential candidates further once they meet the specified appointment criteria by undertaking any or all of the following steps:
  - Consideration of the written applications; and/or
  - Meeting/conference call; and/or
  - Referee checks; and/or
  - Any other selection or verification method deemed appropriate (this may include PAS requiring statutory declarations from shortlisted applicants as to the bona fides of the qualifications and experience contained in their applications).
- arrive at a shortlist of the most suitably qualified candidates (based on the information provided by the candidate) to be sent forward for consideration by the Minister.

Please note that the Public Appointments Service will not be responsible for any expenses incurred by candidates as part of our selection process.

## 7. Confidentiality

Subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Acts, 2014, applications will be treated in strict confidence. All enquires, applications and all aspects of the proceedings are treated as strictly confidential and are not disclosed to anyone, outside those directly involved in that aspect of the process.

Certain items of information, not specific to any individual, are extracted from computer records for general statistical purposes.

## 8. Data Protection

The Data Protection Act 2018 provides that the processing of personal data shall be lawful where such processing is necessary for the performance of a statutory function of a controller. PAS is mandated by statute under the Public Service Management (Recruitment and Appointments) Act, 2004 to act as the centralised assessment and selection body for the civil service and to carry out all the procedures necessary to undertake the recruitment, assessment and selection of suitable candidates for appointment. By submitting your personal data (including your name, address, contact details and details of your education and work history contained in your curriculum vitae and cover letter) via publicjobs.ie, you acknowledge that such data may be used by the Public Appointments Service and disclosed to and used by client departments, in connection with its statutory roles to assist and advise relevant Ministers in relation to appointments to the boards of State bodies. The information contained in your publicjobs profile is yours to manage, amend, update or delete as appropriate. For more detailed information on our Data Protection Policy, please see our [Code of Practice for the Protection of Personal Data in the Public Appointments Service](#).

If your application is assessed and you are considered to be suitable for appointment your c.v. and cover letter (and any additional supplementary information requested as part of the application process), will be forwarded to the State Board Liaison Officer in the relevant Department. Once it obtains your personal data, the Department will act as data controller of such data and will retain it for up to one year following the appointment/s. Unless you request



the withdrawal of your application such data may be used in considering your suitability for other similar vacancies/roles that arise for a period of up to one year for this Board.

## APPENDIX 1

### Submitting your application:

In order to submit your application, you should take the following steps:

1. Go to [www.stateboards.ie](http://www.stateboards.ie).
2. On the bar at the top of the page click on "Available Appointments".
3. This brings you to a page with all our advertised vacancies. Select whichever position you would like to apply for (you are welcome to apply for more than one position if you wish).
4. On the relevant page please click on the "apply for position" button at the bottom of the page
5. This will bring you to a page on [www.publicjobs.ie](http://www.publicjobs.ie) and, if you already have a publicjobs.ie account, will prompt you for your username and password. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to create one.
6. Once you input your details you will be brought to a page where there is a prompt in the middle of the page which says "apply here". Click on the link to the online application form beside it.
7. A form will appear on your screen, some of the text boxes will be populated with information from your publicjobs.ie profile (Name, address etc.). You will need to complete the rest of the fields and enter your name and the date at the bottom of the form.
8. If there is a supplementary question, ensure that your response complies with the word limit and that it does not contain any special characters (i.e. %, & etc.) or you may receive an error message and will be unable to submit your application.
9. Click on "continue".
10. You will then be brought to a screen where you should upload your CV and Cover Letter. These are required documents and your application cannot be processed without them. Once you have selected these and uploaded them, please click on the "submit" button at the bottom of the page.
11. You will receive an e-mail confirmation (to the address listed in your publicjobs.ie profile) to confirm that your application has been submitted.

You must confirm that you do not have any conflicts of interest or legal impediment which would be likely to interfere with your ability to play a full part on the Board. You must also confirm that you can make yourself available to attend meetings and to carry out the duties of a Board member.