

## **UK FORUM ON HAEMOGLOBIN DISORDERS**

This is a multidisciplinary group, open to all who are engaged in providing services for people with haemoglobin disorders. Present membership includes haematologists, haemoglobinopathy counsellors, paediatricians, obstetricians, public health doctors, general practitioners, laboratory medical scientific officers, molecular geneticists, clinical scientists, midwives, nurses and members of patient support groups. Health care workers in other disciplines who have a substantial commitment to providing services for patients with haemoglobin disorders are also welcome.

### **AIMS**

1. To promote optimal and equitable services for haemoglobin disorders and facilitate collaborative research.
2. To develop a collaborative network of contacts throughout the country reinforced by national meetings and joint projects.
3. Promoting interdisciplinary contacts, particularly between doctors and counsellors, and patient support groups and service providers.
4. To act as an advisory group and information resource to any agency in need of this.

### **STEERING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION**

The Steering Committee shall consist of 4 officers – the president, vice-president, the treasurer and secretary and 6 ordinary members. These shall be elected by the membership of the UK forum on Haemoglobin Disorders (*vide infra*) to serve for three years.

Committee members will be eligible to stand for one further term of office only.

In order to maintain a stable committee structure at least 1 officer and 2 committee members will be elected each year. To facilitate this the posts of 1 officer and 2 of the members of the committee elected in 1997 will be re-elected after 2, 3, and 4 years. The posts to be re-elected will be decided at the autumn meeting in 1998.

### **Co-opted members**

The Committee may co-opt members of a maximum period of 2 years. Co-options will be reviewed annually.

### **Elections**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in May.

Notice of the AGM will be issued to members 8 weeks before, together with requests for nominations for membership of the committee and officer(s) to be elected.

Nominations will be received 6 weeks prior to the AGM

Ballot forms will be issued 4 weeks prior to the AGM

Ballot forms will be returned 1 week prior to the AGM

The Electorate will be members of the UK Forum who have registered by 31<sup>st</sup> December the previous year.

### **Regional Representatives Group**

In the interim the Regional Representatives will be responsible for defining the content of the bi-annual national meetings and for disseminating information via the regional representative meetings. The selection of the Regional Representatives will be the responsibility of the membership within each NHSE Region (as defined in 1997). The Regional Representative Group roles and membership will be reviewed during 1997-98 by the Regional Representative Group and the Steering Committee and the constitution amended appropriately.