

APPOINTMENTS IN CONFIDENCE

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APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR MACFARLANE AND EILEEN TRUST

Problem

1. To appoint new trustees to the Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts, to replace trustees whose terms of appointment are coming to an end in March.

Recommendation

2. We recommended that the Rev Alan Tanner be appointed for a further period as a trustee of the Macfarlane Trust, Dr Mark Winter as a new trustee of both the Macfarlane and the Eileen Trust, and Ms Patricia Winterton as a new trustee of the Macfarlane Trust (as well as extending her appointment to the Eileen Trust).

Argument

3. The Macfarlane Trust was set up with Government funding to help meet the needs of haemophiliacs infected with HIV, and of their dependants, who were in need of assistance. The Eileen Trust does similar work with those infected with HIV through NHS blood or tissue transfer.

4. The Macfarlane Trust has 10 trustees - 4 appointed by the Secretary of State, who can serve for up to 2 years at a time. All 5 trustees of the Eileen Trust are appointed by the Secretary of State, and they serve for up to 3 years at a time. In both cases, trustees can be reappointed. A chart showing the current Secretary of State appointments and when they expire is appended.

5. 3 trustees' current appointments end in 1996 March 1996 :

Rev Alan Tanner - Eileen Trust (March)
Dr Elisabeth Mayne - Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts (March)
Alan Palmer - Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts (March)

6. Rev Tanner, the Chairman of the Haemophilia Society, is Chairman of both trusts - being appointed by the Secretary of State to the Eileen Trust and by the Haemophilia Society to the Macfarlane Trust. He is highly regarded. We understand that he is willing to continue to serve, and recommend that he be reappointed by the Secretary of State to the Eileen Trust, for a further 3 year term, having served a similar term since the trust was set up in 1993.

7. The Macfarlane Trust trust deeds specify that two of the Secretary of State's appointees should be a haemophilia centre director and a centre social worker respectively. We have an agreement with the Haemophilia Society that they make nominations for these two positions, and that the appointments rotate between haemophilia centres, at least after 2 periods of service. Dr Elisabeth Mayne, the haemophilia centre director serving as trustee, has served two spells of 2 years each. The Haemophilia Society have nominated Dr Mark Winter, Director of the Haemophilia Centre at Kent and Canterbury Hospital to replace her on the Macfarlane Trust. Dr Winter has on some occasions been critical of DH policies. But we do not think this should preclude our accepting his nomination, as we see no reason why Dr Winter should not serve effectively as a trustee. He would be only one of the trustees, whose duties of are prescribed in the trust deeds. He has confirmed that he is willing to serve on the Eileen Trust too - as Dr Mayne did - if asked.

8. Alan Palmer does not wish to be considered for reappointment to either trust when his present appointments ends. I attach a draft letter of thanks for his past service, and wishing him well with the service on the Macfarlane special payments trust, which he wishes to continue. (Those appointments are not time limited, so no reappointment is required.) Because Mr Palmer's decision to retire was not anticipated, and some candidates we had in mind were not ready to serve as trustees, we are not at this stage able to offer a nominee to replacement him on the Eileen Trust. We shall continue to look for alternative candidates. In the meantime, the trust deeds do not prevent the trust from functioning with less than the maximum number of trustees.

9. However Ms Patricia Winterton, a former civil servant, who already serves as a trustee of the Eileen Trust has indicated that she is willing to serve also on the Macfarlane Trust. We understand that the other trustees would be happy with this, and recommend that she be so appointed. The draft letter to her which is attached also extends her term of service with the Eileen Trust, which would otherwise end in June this year.

Conclusion

10. We recommend that the following appointments/reappointments are made on behalf of the Secretary of State :

Rev Alan Tanner - to Eileen Trust to March 1999

Dr Mark Winter - to Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts
to March 1998

Ms Patricia Winterton - to Macfarlane and Eileen Trusts
to March 1998

This keeps the period of service of those serving on both trusts in line.

11. I attach draft letters to be sent to the nominees, if Ministers are content, and also a draft letters to Dr Elisabeth Mayne and to Alan Palmer whose terms of service, are coming to an end.

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TRUSTEES - MACFARLANE AND EILEEN TRUSTS

Tables relate only to those trustees who are appointed by the Secretary of State. Showing dates on which present appointments expire.

MACFARLANE TRUST (ORIGINAL TRUST - HARDSHIP ETC)

10 trustees, of whom 4 are appointed by the Secretary of State.

Name	Date appointment expires
Dr Elisabeth Mayne	3/96
Alan Palmer	3/96
John Cashman	8/96
Sister Christine Harrington	3/97

MACFARLANE SPECIAL PAYMENTS TRUST, and MACFARLANE SPECIAL PAYMENT (NO 2) TRUST

5 Trustees, 2 of whom are Secretary of State appointees (Clause 10). In both cases these are :

Alan Palmer	No time limit
John Cashman	No time limit

EILEEN TRUST

5 Trustees, all new appointments falling to SoS.

Rev Alan Tanner (Chairman)	3/96
Alan Palmer	3/96
Dr Elisabeth Mayne	3/96
Miss Patricia Winterton	6/96
Ms Susan Phipps	6/96