

## BMA NOTICE

### BMA council elections 1988-90

#### Nomination of members

Nominations are sought in the election of voting members of the council of the British Medical Association (to serve for two years for the sessions 1988-9 and 1989-90) for candidates to fill the stated number of seats in the following categories.

Constituencies	Members to be elected
<b>Craft</b>	<p>Six members engaged wholly or mainly in general practice, including those in private general practice but excluding general practice trainees.</p> <p>Four members employed wholly or mainly as senior hospital doctors.</p> <p>Seven members who are either hospital doctors in the training grades or general practice trainees.</p> <p>Two members engaged wholly or mainly in community medicine or community health.</p> <p>One member and one deputy member to represent doctors in the armed forces, being either serving officers or in receipt of "retired pay" but not retired from practice.</p> <p>Two members employed whole time in universities and/or in medical research.</p> <p>One member and one deputy member employed wholly or mainly in occupational medicine.</p> <p>One associate member.</p> <p>One member in active practice in a craft not otherwise represented by the above categories.</p>
<b>Region or country</b>	<p>One member living and/or working in each of the following NHS regions:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Northern Yorkshire Trent East Anglia North West Thames North East Thames South East Thames South West Thames Wessex Oxford South Western West Midland Mersey North Western</p> <p>One member living and/or working in each of the following countries:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Scotland Wales Northern Ireland</p>
<b>United Kingdom</b>	<p>Four members resident in the United Kingdom.</p>

Candidates, who may stand in one constituency only, must be current members of the BMA and nominations should be made on forms that are available from BMA regional and national offices and division secretaries. Forms are differentiated by colour for each of the three constituencies: green for craft, blue for region/country, pink for United Kingdom. Each nomination must be signed by the candidate, a proposer, and a seconder, all of whom must come within the same category. The BMA membership number of all three persons must be quoted on the nomination form, which should be returned to the secretary at BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP, no later than 10 00 am on Saturday 20 February 1988. Ballot papers will be issued as necessary on Monday 28 March 1988 to members and associate members of the BMA in the United Kingdom.

J D J HAVARD  
Secretary

### BMA to survey NHS funding in Scotland

The BMA's Scottish council, meeting on 20 January, unanimously decided to carry out an extensive survey of the adequacy of funding and levels of patient care in the NHS in Scotland. The council wants to find out where cuts or deteriorations in service have occurred and the effects of these on patient care. The chairman, Dr Angus Ford, commented: "I appreciate that there is a difference between a cut and a rationalisation. The council is in favour of genuine rationalisations which increase efficiency, are to the advantage of the patient, and allow more money to be spent on patient care. We are, however, concerned that money is being taken away from some services in order to make up for shortfalls in other areas and that, on occasion, what is described as a rationalisation is, in fact, a cut."

The Scottish council will be writing to all members asking them to tell the association of any changes that have led to a fall in the standard of patient care. The information collected will be checked to ensure that only genuine cuts are included and then analysed by the BMA to give a clear picture of NHS financing in Scotland.

#### Correction

##### Hospital medical staffing in Scotland: the Shaw report

We regret that there were two errors in the table on the projected staffing changes over 10 years (16 January, p 225). The correct table is set out below.

##### Projected staffing changes over 10 years

Grade	Current No	Projected No
Consultant	2030	2308
Senior registrar	403	425-487
Career registrar	} 1239	561
Visiting registrar		} 388
Staff grade		
Short term personal— for example, research		23
SHO 1 and 2	} 987	674
SHO 3		542