

**NRPSI REVIEW**  
**Call for evidence: guide to submissions**  
**June 2009**

Preparations for an independent review of the National Register of Public Service Interpreters (NRPSI) have been underway since February of this year (see the updates on the NRPSI review process on the CIOL and NRPSI websites). The stage has now been reached for written submissions to the Review Panel from NRPSI registrants and CIOL members. It is hoped that as many NRPSI registrants and CIOL members as possible will respond.

**Issues**

Written submissions on the topics listed below are now formally invited:

- the appropriate role and future direction of the National Register, within the wider context of the developing profession and the needs of consumers of language services in the public services,
- issues of regulation and representation,
- the appropriate ownership and model of governance of the National Register,
- how the various stakeholders can participate in the governance and strategic direction of the National Register, in the public interest, including forms of participation of listed interpreters along with stakeholders such as OCJR, ACPO, HMCS, NHS, Social Services, Local Councils,
- the role of NRPSI in matters such as promotion of and advocacy for the Register,
- the relationship of the National Register to the Chartered Institute of Linguists (the Panel may wish to give a view on alternative models of governance and/or ownership).

The Review Panel is keen to hear views on all of these points. In addressing these issues, NRPSI registrants and CIOL members may wish to consider the illustrative questions shown below.

- whether the National Register should be purely regulatory or whether a hybrid model comprising both regulatory functions and advocacy for the profession and for the Register should be considered;
- whether the Public Services (and the public) would be better served if the National Register were other than solely managed by the Chartered Institute;
- which stakeholders would most usefully play a role in the management of the National Register;
- whether the National Register would be more effective if it were to list Criminal Justice only – i.e. with separate registers for Health and Local Government; the advantages and disadvantages of the National Register being publicly available, free of charge to public services;
- how the National Register should respond to the development among some public services of outsourcing to commercial agencies the provision of public service interpreting;
- how the National Register should be funded.

## Submissions Criteria

In order to be placed before the Panel, written submissions must be made in line with the criteria listed below.

- **Length:** written submissions must be a maximum of 2000 words in length. Attachments or addenda in addition to this 2,000-word limit cannot be accepted for consideration.
- **Subject matter:** written submissions must address one or more of the issues outlined in the terms of reference for the Panel. It will not be possible to consider submissions that do not address themselves exclusively to these subjects.
- **Format:** written submissions must be made in electronic (digital) form. Hand written documents will not be accepted. Please ensure that you include on your submission your name, professional affiliation (e.g. MCIL, MITI, RPSI) and your CIOL and/or NRPSI membership number. Submissions from individuals who are neither NRPSI registrants nor members of the CIOL cannot be accepted (except where the individual concerned is a representative of a subscriber to the Register or of another legitimately interested party).
- **Deadline:** written submissions must be returned by e-mail to [nrpsireview09@iol.org.uk](mailto:nrpsireview09@iol.org.uk) by **1600 hrs on Tuesday 1 September 2009.**

Please direct any enquires regarding the format of submissions to the e-mail address listed above.

Yours sincerely

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