

## **NRPSI REVIEW 2009**

**Update, August**

### **Invitation to contribute – reminder**

Members of the Chartered Institute (CIOL) and Registered Interpreters on the National Register of Public Service Interpreters (NRPSI) are reminded of the opportunity to contribute to the review of the role and direction of the National Register, and how it can best carry out its remit. It is hoped that as many members and registrants as possible will respond to this invitation. Key stakeholders in the public services and elsewhere are also being invited to contribute.

Submissions are to be sent no later than 1 September by e-mail to [nrpsireview09@iol.org.uk](mailto:nrpsireview09@iol.org.uk). See “Criteria for Submissions” at the end of this document.

### **Résumé**

The review was set up by the CIOL Council in April. A Working Group was appointed, chaired by Brooke Townsley, with Tony Bell (Chair of Council), two other Council members (Keith Moffitt and Guillermo Makin) and the Chief Executive, John Hammond. The Working Group drew up Guidelines and was responsible for the appointment of the independent Panel to conduct the review itself. The Guidelines for the conduct of the review have been published on the website (see “Notices” on the CIOL website, <http://www.iol.org.uk>, or “Latest News” on the NRPSI website, <http://www.nrpsi.co.uk>).

A summary list of the issues that the review has been set up to address is shown below. The Panel will carry out its task on the basis of written and oral submissions, and will produce a written report with its recommendations to the CIOL Council.

### **The Panel**

A Panel of five members has been appointed. The chair and two others are independent of the Chartered Institute or NRPSI. The remaining members are a NRPSI registered interpreter, appointed after an election among the NRPSI registrants, and a member of Council, appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Working Group. For information about the Panel, please see the web references quoted above.

### **Issues**

As previously published, the topics on which written submissions are invited are:

- 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).

NRPSI registrants and CIOL members may wish to consider the following illustrative questions:

- 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.

#### **Criteria for submissions**

- **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.
- **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 in electronic (digital) form. Hand written documents will not be accepted. Please include your name and your CIOL and/or NRPSI membership number with your submission. 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 sent 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 submissions to the e-mail address shown above: [nrpsireview09@iol.org.uk](mailto:nrpsireview09@iol.org.uk).

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