GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

VACANCY NOTICE

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Vacancy Notice: National Drug Advisory Council Seeks Members

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serve as Members of the National Drug Advisory Council.

NATIONAL DRUG ADVISORY COUNCIL

The National Drug Advisory Council was established in 1988 under the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act. Section 3 (2) and (3) of the Act, specifies that the role of the Advisory Council is to review the drug situation throughout the Territory and to give the Minister advice on the prevention of misuse of drugs.

The legislation further states that the Council shall "keep under review the situation in the Territory with respect to the drugs which are being or appear to them likely to be misused and of which the misuse is having or appears to them capable of having harmful effects sufficient to constitute a social problem, and to give the Minister, where either the Advisory Council considers it expedient to do so or they are consulted by the Minister, advice on measures (whether or not involving alteration or the law) which in the opinion of the Advisory Council ought to be taken for preventing the misuse of such drugs, dealing with social problems connected with their misuse, and in particular on measures which in the opinion of the Advisory Council, ought to be taken:

a. for restricting the availability of such drugs or supervising the arrangements for their supply;
b. for enabling persons affected by the misuse of such drugs to obtain proper advice and for securing the provision of proper facilities and services for the treatment, rehabilitation and aftercare of such persons;
c. for promoting cooperation between the

which in the opinion of the Advisory Council, is of relevance for the purpose of preventing the misuse of such drugs or dealing with any social problem connected with their misuse."

CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL DRUG ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Advisory Council shall consist of such number of members, but not exceeding 12 appointed by the Minister, representing relevant interest groups in the Territory including the following:

a. Medical and health services;
b. Education, sports and youth organisations;
c. Police and public services;
d. Legal profession; and
e. Voluntary associations.

The Minister shall appoint one of the members to be the Chairman of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council may appoint committees, which may consist in part of persons who are not members of the Advisory Council to consider and report to the Advisory Council on any matter referred to them by the Advisory Council. At meetings of the Advisory Council the quorum shall be 5, and subject to that, the Advisory Council may determine their own procedure. The Minister shall have power to co-opt to the Council or any committee thereof, any person who he or she considers able to assist in their deliberation on any matter and any person so co-opted shall to all intents and purposes be a member for so long as he or she is co-opted save that such persons shall have no vote and shall not be counted for the

Drug Advisory Council in fulfilling its functions.
b. Willingness to attend scheduled meetings and actively contribute to the Council's deliberations.
c. Possesses leadership skills and experience in areas relevant to the Council's functions and responsibilities.
d. Commits to upholding confidentiality, integrity, and principles of good governance.
e. Demonstrates the ability to think strategically, manage complexity, and act decisively.
f. Possesses strong communication and interpersonal skills.
g. Exercises discretion and sound judgment.

COMPENSATION

Members of the National Drug Advisory Council do not receive stipendiary compensation.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Interested persons should submit a Letter of Interest and Résumé/ Curriculum Vitae to the address provided below by the closing date.

AGENCY:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Health and Social Development
Government of the Virgin Islands
Road Town, Tortola VG1110
British Virgin Islands

Email: ministryofhealth@gov.vg

The Government of the Virgin Islands, through the Ministry of Health and Social Development, is seeking qualified individuals to serve as Members of the National Drug Advisory Council (NDAC).

The National Drug Advisory Council was established under the Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act to advise the Minister on preventing the misuse of drugs and to keep the Territory's drug situation under review. The council also helps develop strategies for restricting drug availability, supporting treatment and rehabilitation, promoting professional and community cooperation, and raising public awareness about the dangers of drug misuse.

The Advisory Council consists of members representing key interest groups, including:

- Medical and health services
- Education, sports, and youth organisations
- Police and public services
- Legal profession
- Voluntary associations

Qualified individuals should demonstrate a commitment to the NDAC's mission, leadership experience, integrity, sound judgment, strategic thinking, and strong communication skills. Members are expected to attend meetings and participate actively in the council's deliberations.

Interested persons are invited to submit a Letter of Interest and Résumé/Curriculum Vitae to:

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Health and Social Development
Government of the Virgin Islands
Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
British Virgin Islands
Email: ministryofhealth@gov.vg

Please note that members of the council do not receive stipendiary compensation. Applicants must be residents of the Territory to be considered.

Closing Date for Applications: 5th **September 2025**

For further information, please contact the ministry at (284) 468-2174 / 2272.

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