

National Register of Public Service Interpreters

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Q National Occupational Standards review

Further to the information about the **National Occupational Standards (NOS) review** provided in the April and May 2016 issues of the Registrants' Newsletter, two committees have been formed by Instructus to guide the work of the review. These will oversee wide-ranging consultations on current interpreting occupational standards, including obtaining the views of NRPSI



Registrants. A formal survey is planned. However, in the meantime, should you have any views on the current NOS, please email them to **feedback@nrpsi.org.uk**.

Q Code of Conduct CPD event with London Metropolitan University

NRPSI is working with London Metropolitan University to develop a one-day **continuing professional development (CPD) event** on interpreting ethics and the Code of Conduct. If there are topics that you would like to see included in this event, or you have experienced difficult ethical challenges as an interpreter, we would like to hear from you. Please email **feedback@nrpsi.org.uk**.

Q NHS Shared Business Services procurement under way

The NHS unit responsible for procurement has published a **'Framework Agreement for the Supply of Interpretation and Translation Services'** (24616). The procurement is aimed at fulfilling the language requirements of NHS trusts, primary care trusts, strategic health authorities and foundation trusts. The contracts awarded under this framework are for an initial 24-month period. There is then the possibility to extend them for two further 12-month periods. The framework requires contractors to be registered with the NRPSI to be able to search the register.



NRPSI news

Q Article in Expert Witness magazine

The publishers of **Expert Witness Journal** have provided a copy of the article written by **NRPSI Deputy Chair Stephen Thacker**, which we have added to the **News section** of the website.



Q NRPSI at Language Show Live, Olympia London, 14-16 October 2016

NRPSI will again be exhibiting at the **Language Show Live** at London's Olympia. You will be able to find us at stand 711 in the exhibition hall. We use the show to encourage those with language skills to consider interpreting as a career, and to update practising interpreters about the latest developments within and impacting on the interpreting profession. At this free show, NRPSI will give two seminars: 'A day in the life of a public service interpreter' (14 October at 4.15pm in room 3) and 'The professional's guide to government frameworks' (15



October at 10.30am in room 1). We will also be hosting a panel discussion on CPD that will be of interest to all practising interpreters (15 October at 5pm in room 3).

Q Security clearance update

Those **Registrants with CRB certificates issued in 2011** are reminded that they will soon reach, or may have already reached, the end of the five-year period during which they are accepted by NRPSI and can appear on your record. The absence of a valid security clearance can lead to a registration being suspended. We therefore strongly recommend that you do not wait until you are



contacted by us to obtain an updated clearance. Particularly as obtaining a security clearance can be a time-consuming process. If you need further information on our policy with regards to security clearances, please email **admin@nrpsi.org.uk**.

Q Registered users

There are now more than **1,800 organisations registered** to search the National Register. This number includes 38 regional police forces, 150 HMCTS sites, 600 solicitors' offices, 150 local government departments, 80 charities and more than 350 agencies.

I hope you find this issue an informative and enjoyable read. If you have a suggestion for inclusion in the newsletter, email **admin@nrpsi.org.uk**.

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