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## NEWS RELEASE

### **NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED**

Wendi Momen has been appointed by the Appointments Commission as a non-executive director for Bedfordshire Heartlands Primary Care Trust. Her appointment is from 1 November 2003 to 31 October 2007 at an annual remuneration of £5426.

She has previously served as a non-executive director of the former Bedfordshire Family Health Services Authority and of Bedfordshire Health Authority. She has been a magistrate since 1982 and is presently vice chairman of the North and Mid-Bedfordshire bench. She holds no other ministerial appointments.

Wendi has been a director and trustee of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United Kingdom (the national governing body of the Bahá'í community) since 1982, for 10 years as its chairman, and is presently its treasurer. She is a founder member of the European Bahá'í Business Forum and was president for 12 years. She is currently the Assistant Secretary General and a trustee the Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby and of the Bahá'í Agency for Social and Economic Development UK.

She is also a trustee and chairman of the One World Trust, which is the educational wing supporting the work of the All Party Parliamentary Group for World Government, which is made up of MPs and members of the House of Lords from across all political parties. She is not a member of a political party and has had no involvement in political activity in the last five years.

Wendi holds a BSc in Economics and a Ph.D. in International Relations from the London School of Economics. She is married and has two adult children.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

Bedfordshire Heartlands Primary Care Trust is part of the NHS and its overall aim is to improve the health of the population of Mid and South Bedfordshire.

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