**SUMMARY OF CRITERIA AND DEFINITION OF A PAEDIATRIC NEUROSURGEON**

**AGREED AT BPNG MEETING BIRMINGHAM 29/30 March 2012**

**Introduction**

The definition was produced following the Safe and Sustainable Children’s Neurosurgical Review in England. The review detailed the requirements for a Paediatric Neurosurgical unit and talked about paediatric neurosurgeons, but there was no definition of a paediatric neurosurgeon. BPNG felt it needed to produce a satisfactory definition of a Paediatric Neurosurgeon to complete its contribution to the review process.

The intension was to produce a definition that would be both specialist and to allow all units undertaking paediatric neurosurgery to create at least a 4 consultant subspecialty on call rota in paediatric neurosurgery, as no unit was undertaking fewer than 200 operative procedures per year. We were aware that the criteria for a paediatric neurosurgeon in USA had a significantly higher minimum operative numbers, but there was not data that indicated a higher yearly number would confer any outcome benefit. It also meant that neurosurgeons undertaking a mixed adult/paediatric practice in neurosurgery should be able to achieve those numbers.

The 3 approved paediatric neurosurgical fellowships in the UK at that time were GOSH, Birmingham and Liverpool. It was also agreed that appropriate fellowships overseas would be accepted.

All current members of the BPNG were grandfathered into the definition.

Dominic Thompson (Chairman 2010-2012) and Richard Walsh (Chairman 2012-2014) were outgoing and incoming Chairman of the BPNG respectively at that meeting. This definition was included as Appendix1 of the minutes of the meeting. Anne Moore then president of SBNS was present at that BPNG meeting and the definition was confirmed and forwarded to her 3 months later.

**Definition**

**At Appointment**

To be on the GMC Specialist Register for Neurosurgery or to be within 6 months of CCT and entry onto the Specialist Register.

To have completed 1 year approved Paediatric Neurosurgical Fellowship or to be within 6 months of so doing.

For proleptic appointments date of commencement of the post would be taken for completion of the above requirements.

**Paediatric Neurosurgical Job Plan**

1. Routine and emergency access to paediatric beds
2. Regular access to paediatric neurosurgical operating lists
3. Regular designated paediatric outpatients
4. Work within a department with other paediatric neurosurgeons

**CME and Audit**

1. Undertake regular CME in paediatric neurosurgery
2. Participate in national audits and data collections

**Level of Paediatric Neurosurgical Activity**

1. Undertake at least 50 paediatric neurosurgical operations per year averaged over a 3 year period.

**Dominic Thompson Richard Walsh**

**(Chairman 2010-12) (Chairman 2012-14)**