



Lay trustees

A lay trustee is sought who has a strong empathy with the organisation's objectives and some understanding of, or interest in, psychological therapies and mental health. Strategic management and/or Board level experience is particularly sought.

The Board is responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the organisation, its financial health, the probity of its activities and developing the organisation's aims, objectives and goals in accordance with the governing document, legal and regulatory guidelines.

Role description

- To ensure the organisation complies with its articles of association, pursues its objectives and applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its objectives
- Ensuring that the charity has a clear vision, mission and strategic direction and is focused on achieving these
- To contribute actively to the Board by providing a clear lay (non-clinical) perspective to the strategic direction to the organisation by making full use of specific skills, knowledge or experience
- To safeguard the good name and values of the organisation
- To ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organisation and ensure financial stability
- Ensuring that the charity's governance is of the highest possible standard.

Person specification

Experience:

- Successful experience of operating within a board, or senior managerial level, in a charitable, public sector or commercial organisation
- Experience of building and sustaining relationships with key stakeholders and colleagues to achieve organisational objectives

- A proven track record of sound judgement and effective decision making, impartiality, fairness, the ability to respect confidences
- An ability to make recommendations that, whilst respecting views of others, challenges thinking
- Commitment to the organisation and a willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship and ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- An understanding of the respective roles of the Chair, Trustees and Chief Executive

British Psychoanalytic Council
Jan 2019