

## **Intensive Care Society Trustee Board**

Do you want to help advance and promote the care and safety of critically ill patients and support a charity that punches well above its weight? The Intensive Care Society is seeking **one new independent lay trustee**.

***Please note this is a voluntary position to support our charitable activities and therefore it is unremunerated although reasonable travel expenses are provided (in accordance with our travel policy).***

The Intensive Care Society is the largest UK multi-professional membership organisation for healthcare professionals working in intensive care. We are a registered charity and company limited by guarantee and currently have over 3,500 members.

We have a Trustee Board of 8 members and a nationally elected multi-professional advisory Council of 22 clinicians representing our intensive care membership across the UK.

We are looking for **one new independent lay trustee** with senior management experience (ideally from the NHS working at Director or CEO level) on an initial three year term.

### **The Trustee Board comprises**

Five members elected by Council from the professional bodies we represent

- President of Council and Chair of Trustee Board
- President-elect or Past President (alternate years)
- Honorary Treasurer
- Honorary Secretary
- Recent Council member

Three lay trustees recruited by open advert and interview

- Lay trustee – Marketing and Communications expertise
- Lay trustee – Accounting and charity governance expertise
- Lay trustee – Senior management expertise

### **The independent lay role**

- To play an active role in the governance and strategic oversight of the Intensive Care Society.
- To contribute to strategic discussions and governance of high risk projects.
- To scrutinise board papers, contribute to discussions, focusing on key issues, providing advice and guidance on new initiatives.
- To commit to spending personal time to prepare for meetings, read papers for feedback and follow up on specific governance activities with fellow trustees and the Chief Executive.
- To support, constructively challenge, and motivate the Chief Executive and other senior staff.

### **The person**

#### **Essential criteria**

- Alignment with the Society's core values:
  - Collaboration
  - Freedom of expression
  - Accept and respect
  - Quality
- Demonstrable commitment to advocating the Society's work to support its members to improve the healthcare of critically ill patients across the UK
- Senior management experience (ideally in the NHS as a Director or CEO)
- Knowledge and understanding of NHS policy and political influencing
- Good communication and presentation skills.
- A team player with a "can do" attitude and strong problem-solving skills.

#### **Desirable**

- Experience in a similar role as a trustee for a charity.
- Experience of fundraising from individuals as well as charity foundations and trusts

**Time commitment**

- You will be expected to attend
  - At least four virtual Trustee Board meetings each year. The meetings are approximately three hours in length and are held on Tuesday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm (2024 dates are: 12 March, 14 May, 17 September and 19 November)
  - The annual 3-day SOA congress (normally held in June, 2024 it is in Liverpool 18-20 June).
  - The Annual Members Meeting in London and the away day with staff and elected Council (normally in December each year)
  - At least one Council meeting (held on Tuesday afternoons)

**In return we will provide you with**

- Insight into the operations and strategy of a complex, multi-professional membership society and charity
- Valuable networking experience in a small Trustee Board and contributing to your continuing professional development
- Experience as a committee member, negotiating, compromising and pooling of creativity, resources and knowledge
- Opportunity to contribute to a charity that cares for its members so they can care for patients in the best way they can.

**Duration of role:** 3 years subject to review and renewable for one 3 year term

**Informal enquiries** to [trusteeboardsupport@ics.ac.uk](mailto:trusteeboardsupport@ics.ac.uk)

**To apply**

Submit a CV and supporting statement of up to 500 words, explaining how you meet the criteria, why you would be a good fit for the role and confirming your availability for the dates set out above.

Email completed applications to [sandy@ics.ac.uk](mailto:sandy@ics.ac.uk)

Closing date **12.00 noon on Monday, 12 February 2024**

Interviews: **20 and 22 February 2024 (tbc)**

## **Briefing information on the Intensive Care Society**

### **Our Vision**

The Society's vision is a world where every member of the multi-professional intensive care team is able to deliver the best quality care for those who need it, when they need it.

### **Our Mission**

To be the voice of the multi-professional intensive care community, their patients and their loved ones and together to advance and promote the best quality care, safety and research.

### **Our Values**

Our values define our culture and are at the very heart of the Intensive Care Society—who we are, what we do and how we do it.

- **Collaboration**

We work with others to maximise our impact.

- **Freedom of expression**

We are bold in our actions and words and encourage diversity of views.

- **Accept and respect**

We treat everyone with dignity and respect and accept differences delivering our mission more effectively.

- **Quality**

We provide value by delivering services and products to a consistently high standard.

We have five strategic priorities and two critical enablers.

### **Five Strategic Priorities (SP)**

- SP1 - To be an influential leader and the voice of our multi-professional intensive care community, their patients, families and loved ones.
- SP2 - Grow our membership by delivering quality products and services that support current and future members of the intensive care community.
- SP3 - Influence the implementation of standards, guidelines, policies, quality improvement and research.
- SP4 - Develop an expanded portfolio of quality blended learning activities and accreditation services.
- SP5 - For SOA to be the leading Congress based on educational content, professional development opportunities and networking for those involved in critical care.

### **Two Critical Enablers**

- Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Governance, financial resilience, and environmental sustainability

### **Further information**

[Intensive Care Society | How we are governed \(ics.ac.uk\)](https://www.ics.ac.uk/how-we-are-governed)

[Intensive Care Society | Our Trustees' Annual Report 2022 \(ics.ac.uk\)](https://www.ics.ac.uk/our-trustees-annual-report-2022)

[Intensive Care Society | Your Society - Our Strategy 2023-2027 \(ics.ac.uk\)](https://www.ics.ac.uk/your-society-our-strategy-2023-2027)

[Intensive Care Society | Towards an Inclusive Future \(ics.ac.uk\)](https://www.ics.ac.uk/towards-an-inclusive-future)

[Intensive Care Society | Sustainability \(ics.ac.uk\)](https://www.ics.ac.uk/sustainability)