

Trustee Recruitment Information Pack

About The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare

An independent charity, The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare (CSH) has been leading efforts to incorporate the values of environmental sustainability into the health sector since its establishment in 2008. Our work is underpinned by CSH's Principles of Sustainable Clinical Practice: prevention; patient empowerment; lean care systems; low carbon alternatives.

CSH has a particular focus on:

- o engaging those on the front line of patient care and promoting the concept of 'sustainable clinical practice'
- o enabling the use of the natural environment at NHS settings to be used as 'nature-based solutions' in healthcare.

As a leading voice in sustainable healthcare, CSH's goal is to inspire and equip individuals and organisations with the knowledge and tools needed for sustainability. We enable and support the creation and delivery of work programmes connecting healthcare practices, sustainability and the wellbeing of communities and the natural world.

We strive to enable powerful and relevant programmes that deliver CSH's vision with impact. Our fundraising supports activities enabling our audience to embrace sustainable healthcare and to implement, amplify and catalyse lasting sustainable changes. We work to build relationships with key funders so that their support allows CSH to pioneer innovative pilot schemes and embed successful approaches across the NHS and wider. We also aim to increase our funding support to improve CSH's financial stability.

The IPCC has clearly stated that the next six years (to 2030) are critical in reducing carbon emissions to net zero. Given the urgency of the need we need to engage as many people as possible to take action and increase the sustainability of the health system. To significantly increase our impact in a short timeframe, we want to work in partnership with other organisations and develop our ambitious plans. Increasing our diversity at board level will enable us to draw on wider experience and networks and develop new partnerships that maximise the reach of our programmes both in the UK and internationally.

Our ambitious work is underpinned by an approach that is:

- o **Bold** - we challenge the status quo and pursue ambitious goals with confidence and resilience.
- o **Collaborative** - we actively unite diverse skills and perspectives in a nurturing environment.
- o **Creative** - we inspire, develop and empower fresh ideas that cross traditional boundaries.
- o **Rigorous** - we're trusted to act with integrity, to challenge ideas, and seek evidence-based solutions.
- o **Practical** - we embed tangible impact rooted in real world feasibility.

About The Role:

At this stage in the organisation's development, we want to enhance the current board and bring a range of backgrounds and experiences reflective of the people we currently serve and those we would like to be serving in the future.

The statutory duties of a trustee are as follows:

- Ensuring that the organisation pursues its stated objects (purposes), as defined in its governing document, by developing and agreeing a long-term strategy.
- Ensuring that the organisation complies with its governing document (ie its trust deed, constitution or memorandum and articles of association), charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations.
- Ensuring that the organisation applies its resources exclusively in pursuance of its charitable objects (ie the charity must not spend money on activities that are not included in its own objects, however worthwhile or charitable those activities are) for the benefit of the public.
- Ensuring that the organisation defines its goals and evaluates performance against agreed targets.
- Safeguarding the good name and values of the organisation.
- Ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the organisation, including having appropriate policies and procedures in place.
- Ensuring the financial stability of the organisation.
- Protecting and managing the property of the charity and ensuring the proper investment of the charity's funds.
- Following proper and formal arrangements for the appointment, supervision, support, appraisal and remuneration of the chief executive.
- In addition to the above statutory duties, each trustee should use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they have to help the board of trustees reach sound decisions. This may involve scrutinising board papers, leading discussions, focusing on key issues, providing advice and guidance on new initiatives, or other issues in which the trustee has special expertise.

Time Commitment:

Typically, 4 hours per month, for a term of 3 years (initial 12-month period). This time includes preparing for and attending Board meetings and to be available to the CEO / COO or staff team member to offer advice and consultancy on the Trustees areas of experience by joining occasional working groups. The Board meets four times a year (once a quarter).

Location:

Board meetings are held 4 times per year, and we work to find times that are accessible for Board members, which could include evenings and weekends. We meet twice a year in person in Oxford, and twice a year via Teams.

Remuneration:

This is a voluntary role and reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

About the Board of Trustees:

The current [Board of Trustees](#) brings together long standing and committed members from health and sustainability, both from the not for profit, public and private sectors. Several Board members are reaching their maximum term, and we plan to bring on further new Trustees over the coming years. We will be prioritising areas of diversity where we are currently underrepresented in all our appointments.

The Board culture is friendly and lively, with an openness to creative ideas and input. There is a focus on core mission and values to inform decision making processes. The meetings will be focused, effective and inspiring, and led in line with CSH's overarching aim to transform healthcare for a sustainable future. The Board values diversity and welcomes applicants from a range of backgrounds.

About You:

We particularly welcome new trustees who could bring skills and experience in financial management or legal and IP transfer.

Though please do not be put off from applying if you do not have any of these skills or if you have never been a Trustee before. If you don't have experience serving on a board, we can support you through peer mentoring with an experienced trustee and training with [Getting on Board](#).

You will be our ideal Trustee if you bring:

- A commitment to the organisation and a genuine interest and passion for sustainable healthcare.
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort.
- Strategic vision
- Good, independent judgement
- An ability to think creatively.
- A willingness to speak your mind, offer challenge.
- Ability to act as a positive ambassador for CSH, helping to build connections and to facilitate opportunities.
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of trusteeship (training can be provided).
- An ability to work effectively as a member of a team that values diversity.
- A commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

How To Apply:

For an informal conversation about the opportunity, please contact us at info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk.

To apply, please send an up-to-date CV (or LinkedIn profile) and simple covering letter answering two questions, why you're interested in supporting CSH and what you hope to bring to the Board. Or if you prefer to record your cover letter, verbally or with video, that's also welcomed.

Please send this by email to info@sustainablehealthcare.org.uk by 1st June 2024.

Please contact us if you have any other accessibility needs or if you would like help with applying.

Other information: [Articles of Association](#) & [Annual Reports](#)