

The role-

As a Trustee you must:

- Always act in the best interests of GMWSA exercising the same duty of care that a prudent person of business would in looking after the affairs of someone for whom they have responsibility.
- Act as a group and not as an individual

Duties of a Trustee Board Member:

- Ensure that GMWSA complies with charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations
- Ensure that GMWSA pursues its objectives as defined in the Strategy and Business plans
- Ensure that GMWSA applies its resources wisely and applies 'best value' principles
- Contribute actively to the Board of Trustees' role in giving firm strategic direction to the CEO in setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets
- Contribute actively to Board Meetings and other appropriate events and activities
- Safeguard the reputation and values of GMWSA
- Ensure the financial stability of GMWSA
- Ensure that the accounts are audited in the manner prescribed by Charity Commission regulations, and any recommendations of the auditors implemented
- Ensure that GMWSA has an appropriate reserves policy
- Be assured that the financial resources of GMWSA meet its present and future needs

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 leading discussions, focusing on key issues, scrutinising board papers, providing advice and guidance on new initiatives, evaluation or other issues in which the Trustee has special expertise.

Person Specification-

Each Trustee must:

- Have commitment to the mission and values of GMWSA
- Show willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- Act with integrity and have a willingness to speak their mind
- Employ a strategic vision
- Have an understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of Trusteeship
- Have the ability to work effectively as a member of a team and to take decisions for the good of GMWSA.

Minimum time commitment:

- Trustees are expected to attend an induction meeting with the Chair of the Board and the CEO prior to attendance at their first Board meeting.
- Trustees are expected to attend all Board meetings, which are 6 time per year, online and in person.