



REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS OF THE UK ON THE FPH BOARD

Draft post description

Introduction

The Faculty of Public Health (FPH) is the leading professional body for public health specialists and practitioners in the UK, with a membership of almost 4,000 professionals around the world. The Faculty is a registered charity and a joint faculty of the three Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK, ie the Royal College of Physicians of London (RCPL), the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh (RCPE) and the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG) – referred to hereafter as the Faculty’s “parent colleges”.

The Faculty is governed by a democratically elected Board of Trustees. Chaired by the President, it is the ultimate decision-making body within the organisation. The trustees have independent control over, and legal responsibility for, the charity’s management and administration. All trustees, and election candidates for Board positions, are advised to read the Charity Commission’s guide on [“the essential trustee what you need to know, what you need to do”](#). The Faculty’s governing document is its [Standing Orders](#).

The representatives of the three FPH parent colleges serve as trustees of the Faculty and voting members of the Board. They are accountable to the Board and to the Council of their respective College.

They are appointed by their College for a term of three years. They may be re-appointed for a second consecutive three-year term.

Primary responsibilities

- To serve as a trustee of FPH as outlined in the FPH trustee handbook.
- With other trustees, to ensure that FPH is solvent, well run, delivers its Charitable Objects, acts within its Standing Orders and complies with charity law.
- To attend and contribute to approximately five Board meetings per year and further ad hoc contributions via telephone and email.
- To draw on their specialist expertise to advise the Board on strategic and operational matters.
- To represent the interests of FPH members and enable/facilitate alignment of messaging across the parent colleges.
- To promote FPH policies and initiatives.
- To serve as an ambassador for FPH and to report on its activities to their respective College Councils.
- To act as a conduit between FPH and their respective Colleges on any future changes that FPH might want to make to its Standing Orders.

Any specific duties associated with the post will be discussed and agreed with the Chair of the Board as part of the induction programme.

Person specification

- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort, including appropriate trustee training
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship
- Strategic vision
- Good, independent judgment
- Ability to think creatively
- Willingness to speak their mind
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team
- Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

The post is non-remunerated. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed in line with the FPH expenses policy.

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