

The role of a Trustee

As a Trustee you will be jointly responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity.

Together with the other Trustees you will:

- Ensure that all activities comply with, and pursue the Trust's charitable objects to:
 - Promote improved ocular health in the primary care sector, and,
 - Educate the public about ocular health and good vision, and the ways of achieving this.

and that all activities are conducted in accordance with prevailing legal and regulatory requirements.

- Be responsible for safeguarding the financial position of the Trust and managing all funds and assets inline with the charity's fiscal policies.
- Ensure the efficient administration of the Trust (the day-to-day running of the charity is delegated to the Membership and Administration Secretary).

- Contribute fully and actively to the collective work and decision-making of the Board of Trustees.

- Protect and promote the good name, work and values of the Trust.

Specific duties

In addition to these joint duties individual trustees may, from time-to-time be asked to use any specific skills, knowledge or experience they may have to maximise the effectiveness of the charity.

This might typically involve:

- Providing expert guidance on new initiatives,
- Acting as a media spokesperson and providing commentary on specific eye health issues (following a full briefing from the Trust's retained press and marketing consultants),
- Reviewing clinical advice and information provided in patient leaflets, online content and in response to direct enquiries from the charity's public information line.

Trustee commitments

Trustees are required to attend between 4 - 6 board meetings a year and may be asked to participate in other charitable activity on an ad-hoc basis.

Remuneration

The charity will reimburse all out of pocket expenses.

Knowledge, skills and experience

A background in optics is desirable but not essential. However, a passion for promoting the concept of positive eyecare and a determination to facilitate a change in public attitudes and behaviour towards caring for our ocular health is a MUST.

Other desirable assets include: strategic vision, networking experience, the ability to think creatively and strong communication skills.

additional information

There is no minimum period of service and Trustees can retire at anytime.

All of the Trustees are members of the charity and guarantee to contribute **up to** £10 in the event of a winding up.