

Do you want to help stop needless deaths from sepsis and help improve recovery of those affected by Sepsis. UKST are looking to recruit additional Trustees to its established Board

Sepsis is a life-threatening condition that affects 245,000 people in the UK every year. At least 48,000 of those people lose their lives to the condition. We believe that earlier diagnosis and treatment across the UK would save thousands more lives a year.

The UK Sepsis Trust (UKST) was founded in 2012. Founder and Executive Director, Dr Ron Daniels BEM, is an NHS Consultant in Intensive Care:

“We seek to save lives from sepsis, and improve outcomes for survivors, by educating healthcare professionals, raising public awareness, providing support for those affected by this devastating condition and political lobbying. We will protect people by enabling the prevention of severe infection and the treatment of sepsis, whilst helping to ensure antibiotics are used responsibly.”

The UK Sepsis Trust has ambitious plans to increase awareness, educate wider networks beyond direct care health professionals and provide support to an ever-increasing population of survivors and bereaved. We are seeking to diversify the existing Trustee Board by gaining access to broader and deeper skills, backgrounds, and experiences. Our Trustees work in partnership with our Chairman and Chief Executives to ensure our resources are applied to maximum effect to achieve our purpose – through a clear vision and strategy, whilst exercising stewardship to operate an appropriate framework of governance.

We are particularly interested in candidates from various backgrounds including:

- Clinical/Sepsis
- Finance & Charity governance
- Corporate Fundraising engagement
- Digital, web and apps

Key Tasks and Responsibilities will include:

- Working with the Chairman, fellow Trustees and Management Team to ensure UKST’s cultural values and ethos are fully understood and adhered to throughout the organisation
- Encouraging team-working and collaboration across the charity’s activities including supporters and volunteers
- Along with fellow Trustees, making decisions that will best enable the charity to carry out its purposes. Contributing to balanced and informed decisions about the long term as well as the short-term requirements for UKST
- Ensuring the Charity’s assets and resources are only used to support it carrying out its purpose
- Providing ad hoc advice to the Management Team on specific topics relevant to their skills and knowledge
- Keeping up to date with Charity Commission legislation changes
- Continually monitoring the Trust’s progress to determine if strategic priorities need to be adjusted

Person Specification

- Significant leadership experience and commitment to our purpose
- Ability to drive organisational change and navigate growth
- Willingness and ability to understand responsibilities and liabilities as Trustees of a Charity
- Ability to think creatively and strategically, exercise good, independent judgement, and work effectively as a Board member
- Effective communication skills and willingness to participate actively in discussion, and numeracy to the extent required to understand the financial records and accounts

Time Commitment

The time commitment of the Trustees is variable but as a minimum they are required to attend the following:

- The Trustees have four formal meetings each year with the management team (2 of which are in person in either Birmingham/London).
- In addition there are four informal meetings with the management team along with regular Trustee only meetings which are all held virtually
- The Finance and Governance Trustee would also be required to attend four finance and audit committee meetings per year.

If you are interested in joining the team please email a copy of your CV and covering letter to [Cheryl Deeley \(hr@sepsistrust.org\)](mailto:Cheryl.Deeley@sepsistrust.org).