

Mental Health Network Nurse Director Board Representative

Background

The NHS Confederation's Mental Health Network (MHN) is the voice for mental health and learning disability service providers and commissioners in England.

We are a membership organisation representing providers from across the statutory, independent and third sectors in working with government, regulators, opinion formers, media and the wider NHS to promote excellence in mental health services and the importance of good mental health.

We help shape and challenge national policy and legislation affecting our members. We make sense of the broader political and policy environment, and provide members with up to date news and analysis. We also work to identify and spread good practice and innovation in the mental health sector.

The Network has 78 member organisations. This includes over 90% of statutory providers (NHS foundation trusts and trusts) and a number of independent, third sector and not-for-profit organisations.

Our Board

The Mental Health Network is self-governing with our own board elected by members. [The board](#) sets our business plan and approves the Network budget.

The board consists of chief executive, chair, independent sector, not-for-profit, healthcare practitioner, service user and carer representatives from MHN member organisations.

Board members are elected by MHN member organisations for a three-year term of office. Board members may stand for a second three-year term of office but sit for a maximum of six years.

Representing a constituent group on the Mental Health Network board is an opportunity to shape the work of the Network and become involved in shaping mental health policy and practice on a national level.

Representatives attend four board meetings per year and are also encouraged to attend key MHN events including member meetings, the MHN annual conference and the NHS Confederation's annual conference.

Nurse Director Representatives

The MHN board includes three healthcare practitioners in active substantive clinical practice representatives.

These three positions include a Medical Director representative who chairs the Network's Medical Directors' Forum and a Nurse Director who is actively engaged with the National Nurse Director's Forum. The Nurse Director Representative sits on the MHN board to provide expert advice, reflect the views of their work area, and contribute to the work of the Network on policy and service development.

To apply

To have a conversation about the position, what is involved, the commitment required, the Mental Health Network and our board, please contact Chloe Knight at chloe.knight@nhsconfed.org

Nominations from member organisations should be emailed to mhnelections@nhsconfed.org by **17:00 Friday 11 February 2022**.

Further information

If more representatives than positions available put themselves forward from across membership for a position, then we will follow an election process and ballot information will be circulated to member organisations accordingly.

New board members will join the board at the MHN's next board meeting, to be held virtually on 19 April 12-1:30pm.