



Clinical Lead Trustee

Role description

A trustee specialising in children and young people's (CYP) mental health and wellbeing provides expert clinical and strategic guidance, oversees safe and effective service delivery, and ensures organisational governance. Key duties include advising on sector trends, supporting safeguarding practices, and shaping strategic direction.

Duties:

Clinical

- Guide the overall mission, quality standards, and safety of mental health and wellbeing services and activities.
- Review the psycho-educational materials we curate from the sector as part of our education and community initiatives.
- Provide expert advice to the board and COO on clinical guidance and best practices in children and youth mental health where needed.
- Provide strategic oversight and quality assurance related to our directory of mental health providers and partners.
- Support the charity to identify and cultivate a diverse range of provisions and providers within the directory who represent disadvantaged groups.

Strategy and development:

- Identify emerging trends, research, and best practices in children and youth mental health care and advise on how these can be incorporated into Joe's Buddy Line work.
- Bring firsthand understanding of healthcare disparities and challenges faced by children and young people that will help the charity's strategic goal to achieve equitable access to support.
- Help us review and improve our child protection and safeguarding policies.

Advocacy and representation:

- Act as an ambassador for Joe's Buddy Line, representing the charity and promoting Joe's Buddy Line's mission.

Attributes

Essential Skills/Experience

- A qualified child and adolescent psychiatrist, psychologist or senior clinician.
- Provide expert insight on youth mental health trends, clinical best practices, and policy developments from bodies like the NHS or Department of Health.
- Significant experience in clinical leadership or advisory roles, ideally within a charitable, healthcare, education or youth-focused setting.
- In-depth knowledge of mental health challenges facing children and young people, clinical best practices, and emerging trends in the sector.



- A passion for Joe's Buddy Line mission and dedication to improving children youth mental health and wellbeing outcomes.
- A willingness to be available to staff for advice and enquiries on an ad hoc basis.
- Good communication and people management skills.

Desirable Skills/Experience

- Experience of the education sector in England and Wales.
- Trustee or governance experience.

In addition to the above, the Trustee Clinical Lead will also have the responsibilities and qualities of all trustees who are the people responsible, under the governing document of Joe's Buddy Line Charity for managing the affairs of the charity.

Overall Trustee Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensure that Joe's Buddy Line always complies with its governing document, charity law, company law and any other relevant legislation or regulations.
- Ensure that Joe's Buddy Line pursues its objectives as defined in its governing document.
- Set and maintain Joe's Buddy Line's purpose, vision, goals and activities.
- Approve operational strategies and policies and monitor and evaluate their implementation.
- Oversee Joe's Buddy Line financial plans and budgets and monitor and evaluate progress.
- Ensure the effective and efficient administration of the organisation.
- Ensure that key risks are being identified, monitored and controlled effectively.
- Review and approve Joe's Buddy Line financial statements.
- Provide support and challenge to Joe's Buddy Line Chief Officer in the exercise of their delegated authority and affairs.
- Keep abreast of changes in Joe's Buddy Line operating environment.
- Contribute to regular reviews of Joe's Buddy Line own governance.
- Attend Board meetings, adequately prepared to contribute to discussions and sound decision making.
- Use independent judgement, acting legally and in good faith to promote and protect Joe's Buddy Line interests, to the exclusion of their own personal and/or any third-party interests.
- Contribute to the broader promotion of Joe's Buddy Line objects, aims and reputation by applying your skills, expertise, knowledge and contacts.

Essential qualities and attributes of all trustees

- Willingness and ability to understand and accept their responsibilities and liabilities as a trustee and to always act in the best interests of the organisation.
- 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.
- A strong personal commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.



- Enthusiasm for our vision and mission.
- Willingness to lead according to our charity values
- Commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

What will you gain from this role?

This is a varied and worthwhile trustee role working with a small dedicated and enthusiastic team. As the Clinical Lead Trustee you will gain broad strategic leadership experience, the ability to shape community-wide health outcomes, and gain unique cross-sector governance insight. It is an opportunity to bridge clinical practice with the voluntary sector while expanding your professional networks and contributing to a nationally critical cause.