



## ***Who we are?***

The Physiotherapy Benevolent Fund (PBF) as a registered charity (No. 219568) has the sole purpose to provide financial support to past and present members of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy who are experiencing financial hardship.

The PBF was founded over a hundred years ago and the delivery of its charitable objectives is the responsibility of its Board of Trustees. The Board includes 12 Trustees comprising Physiotherapy Trustees, who are members of the Physiotherapy profession, and Lay Trustees, whose experience arises from outside the world of Physiotherapy.

## ***The role of the board of Trustees***

The Trustees ensure that the PBF complies with Charity Law and the requirements of the Charity Commission as its regulator. They contribute collectively to the daily operations of the PBF for beneficiary benefit as well as to the key decisions in relation to governance and the future strategic direction of the fund.

They are the voices and faces of the PBF and are central to maintaining the public profile of the fund and widening the support available to its many beneficiaries.

## ***What we are looking for?***

The PBF is looking to recruit new Trustees to support the effective and efficient operation of the Board. Our Physiotherapy Trustees are Physiotherapists or Physiotherapy Associates. In the past, Lay Trustees have come with professional experience from the Probation Service, Social Work, Nursing, Medicine and Education and we would welcome applications from prospective Lay Trustees coming from a diversity of professional backgrounds.

The most effective boards are ones which involve individuals from a diverse range of ages, backgrounds, experiences and skill sets and we aspire to build a board of

trustees which reflects the breadth and diversity of the Physiotherapy profession and our wider society.

### ***How we support our Trustees?***

Applications from first-time Trustees as well as those with previous experience working in the charity sector are welcome and a full programme of induction and buddy working is provided to all new Trustees. As a Trustee you will benefit from working within a supportive and motivated Board team and can work alongside our expert Administration, Finance and other partners, in the delivery of support to our beneficiaries.

### ***Other useful information***

The PBF Board of Trustees meets five or six times a year in London (quarterly Trustee meetings plus up to two additional annual meetings for the review of Governance and Strategic Planning). Whilst the Board endeavours to meet in person it is possible to attend meetings virtually. The role of a Trustee is voluntary but reasonable travel and other expenses will be reimbursed, and ongoing training and support is provided.

### ***What to do next?***

Our website [www.thepbf.org.uk](http://www.thepbf.org.uk) provides useful information about our history, our current Trustees, our operations and promotional activities.

If you would like to apply for role of a Trustee with the PBF please go to [https://thepbf.org.uk/about/join\\_us.aspx](https://thepbf.org.uk/about/join_us.aspx)

Should you have any questions, please contact Lawrence Owers, Chair of Trustees via [owersl@cspmbf.org.uk](mailto:owersl@cspmbf.org.uk) or [MBFAdmin@cspmbf.org.uk](mailto:MBFAdmin@cspmbf.org.uk).