



## NHS Chair Representative Mental Health Network Board

### Background

The Mental Health Network of the NHS Confederation is *the* voice for NHS funded mental health and learning disability service providers in England.

We represent NHS providers from across the statutory, independent and not-for-profit 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.

Membership of the Mental Health Network is open to any provider of NHS-funded mental health services. We are the only national body that brings together mental health organisations from across the statutory, independent and third sectors.

The Mental Health Network has 68 members comprising 50 NHS mental health and NHS Foundation Trusts members and 18 independent sector members<sup>1</sup>. We represent 91% of statutory sector mental health providers.

### 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.

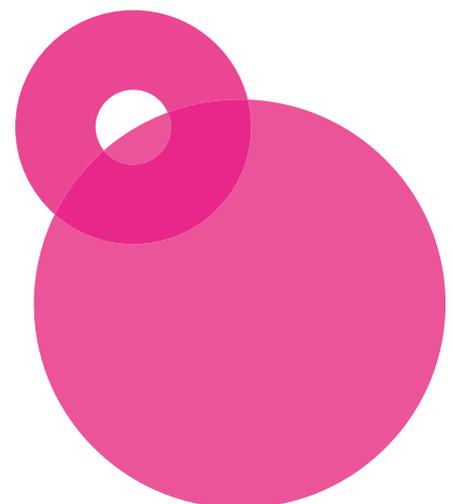
The board consists of Chief Executive, Chair, Independent sector, Not-for-Profit, Healthcare Practitioner, Service User and Carer representatives from MHN member organisations.

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. The MHN Constitution, including a Code of Conduct for Board Members, is [available to download](#).

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 2015 figures.



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.

### NHS Chair Representatives

The MHN board includes three Chair representatives from NHS Trusts or Foundation Trusts, who are members of the Mental Health Network.

The NHS Chair representatives sit 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.

### 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 from the MHN's 17<sup>th</sup> October Board meeting at the NHS Confederation offices in London.

### To apply

To have a conversation about the position, what is involved, the commitment required, the Mental Health Network and our board, please contact Sean Duggan, Chief Executive at the MHN, via [Wing-San.Chan@nhsconfed.org](mailto:Wing-San.Chan@nhsconfed.org).

Nomination forms should be returned to [mentalhealthnetwork@nhsconfed.org](mailto:mentalhealthnetwork@nhsconfed.org) by **12:00 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2017**.