

Being a Director of the GPDF

Role, responsibility, commitment and payment.

Role of a GPDF Board member:

- Involvement in the governance of the organisation
- Involvement in setting the Company's objectives, strategy, and aims
- Ensuring appropriate budgeting to achieve the agreed aims and objectives
- Holding Management to account to ensure that they fulfil their duties in their efforts to achieve the Company's objectives
- Engagement with LMCs and GPs as ambassadors of GPDF to promote the aims and objectives of the organisation

Responsibilities of a GPDF Board member:

- Being a director of a company places several duties and responsibilities on the individual Board members all as set out in S171 to 177 of the Companies Act 2006 including: -
- Duty to act within powers. A director of a company must—
- (a) act in accordance with the company's constitution, and
- (b) only exercise powers for the purposes for which they are conferred
- Duty to promote the success of the company
- Duty to exercise independent judgment
- Duty to exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence
- Duty to avoid conflicts of interest
- Duty not to accept benefits from third parties
- Duty to declare interest in proposed transaction or arrangement

Additional information <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/being-a-company-director#general-duties>

Time commitment:

- Currently Board members are required to commit to a minimum of 14.5 days per year
- A director who is absent for more than two consecutive meetings of the Board may be removed from office unless there are good reasons for the absences
- There are 4 planned Board meetings per year, plus a variable number of additional meetings as required
- The meetings are mostly held in London but have also been held in York, Glasgow, and other locations
- Attendance at relevant conferences, seminars and workshops in various parts of the UK is encouraged

Payment:

A Director's fee of £10,000 per year is paid to the Directors elected by the Company from Nominees of LMCs. Currently, the appointed Directors, who bring broader non-medical skills and experience to the Board, receive a Director's fee of £19,500 per year. In addition, Directors are reimbursed for travel & subsistence costs incurred on Company business, and the fiscal burden associated with the benefit-in-kind of attending Board meetings is met by the Company. Support for child-care and other caring responsibilities is available. Payments to Directors are net of deductions for income tax and NI contributions.

All Directors are required to sign a contract setting out the terms and conditions of their engagement, and a programme of training to develop appropriate skills is available.

The GPDF Board has a stated desire to achieve greater diversity amongst Board members and would welcome enquiries for more information about joining the Board.

For more information - contact the Chair - Dr Douglas A Moederle-Lumb via email chair@gpdf.org.uk