



GPDF Limited

Independent Director

Remuneration £20,000 per annum

14-15 days per annum time commitment

An individual that brings something different

The GPDF, a membership organisation working to support the interests of Local Medical Committees and general practice, wishes to appoint an additional Independent Director.

The GPDF is a company limited by guarantee with roots in the early 20th Century. Its purpose is to support the 126 Local Medical Committees (LMCs) in the UK, to influence third parties on their behalf and to advance the interests of the c. 50,000 NHS GPs. The members of the company are LMC nominees and the GPDF is funded by a levy from the LMCs. The GPDF strengthens the voice of LMCs and GPs at a nationally representative level. It funds and supports interventions in legal and other related matters that benefit LMCs, initiatives that support effective functioning of LMCs and general practice; and it engages in dialogue with LMCs, the General Practitioners Committee of the BMA, and others to share knowledge and learning, and to promote unity across the profession.

The company is led by a small Executive Team and a board made up of Directors elected from the LMC nominees, plus Independent Directors, who have non-medical backgrounds. There are normally four scheduled Board meetings per annum, plus additional work as required. Appointments are typically for three years, renewable for two further terms of three years.

This appointment comes at a time of significant change in the NHS and social care landscape, with the introduction of Integrated Care Systems (ICS) in the summer of 2022, which will lead to increased collaborative working, in addition to the challenges presented by the pandemic as it effects social care and the health service. The GPDF has an important role to play in supporting LMCs through this period of change and working with them in addressing the opportunities and challenges they will face in the coming years.

In the new Independent Director, the GPDF seeks someone with highly developed interpersonal and diplomatic skills. They will bring leadership experience in complex environments which have undergone significant periods of change. A background in marketing and/or communications will be valuable, as will experience of leading projects involving multiple stakeholders. The Independent Director should be able to influence and achieve change with a part-time presence, be able to command respect at all levels and be able and willing to challenge.

Experience in the health service is not required but it is expected that the individual appointed will be understanding and supportive of general practice. Candidates must be independent of LMCs/General Practice.

If you would like a confidential discussion about the role, or further information, please contact Jocelyn Buxton on jocelyn.buxton@btinternet.com or 07801 480972.