



Role Title:	IBD UK Alliance Board Member
Term:	3 years from date of appointment. This term is not renewable
Role purpose:	<p>IBD UK Alliance Board Members ("Board Member") collectively provide strategic leadership, expertise and oversight to support the IBD UK Alliance ("the Alliance") in achieving its purpose. Board Members contribute insight, challenge, and direction, helping to shape priorities, guide development and ensure that IBD UK Alliance remains focussed on supporting meaningful quality improvement across IBD services.</p> <p>Board Members contribute to establishing and sustaining a positive, respectful and accountable Board culture.</p> <p>Board Members act in the interests of the Alliance, rather than as representatives of individual organisations or professional groups.</p>

Key responsibilities

Board Members are responsible for:

- Contributing actively to setting strategic direction and agreeing priorities for the Alliance.
- Providing evidence informed insight alongside professional expertise to inform discussion and decision making
- Participating constructively in IBD UK Board ("the Board") discussions, bringing relevant expertise, insight and perspective
- Encourage respectful discussion and welcome constructive challenge in the interest of strengthening collective decision making
- Supporting clear and timely decision making, including through constructive challenge where appropriate
- Acting as a Board sponsor for Working Groups where required
- Supporting effective oversight of delivery through engagement with Working Groups, assurance processes and proactive communication between the Board and Working Groups
- Upholding Alliance values, purpose and agreed ways of working
- Acting as advocates for the Alliance's purpose and work
- Declaring and managing conflicts of interest in line with agreed governance arrangements



Authority and accountability

- Board Members share collective responsibility for Board decisions
- Individual Board Members do not hold executive authority unless explicitly delegated
- Board Members are accountable to:
 - The Board collectively
 - The governance framework established by Crohn's & Colitis UK

Time commitment

The role requires preparation for and attendance at IBD UK Alliance Board and Membership meetings, engagement with Crohn's & Colitis UK between meetings and ad-hoc involvement where leadership or support is required

Estimated time commitment, approximately 3-4 hours per month.

Person specification

Experience/Knowledge	Relevant professional, clinical, improvement or system expertise Experience of contributing to national programmes, working groups or partnerships Experience of working collaboratively across organisations and professional groups Understanding of service improvement, quality improvement, or patient experience Understanding of partnership working across healthcare or system settings Experience of acting as a sponsor or link role to delivery groups
Demonstrated Achievements	Evidence of contributing to service improvement, quality improvement of system development activity Evidence of working collaboratively across organisational or professional boundaries



	<p>Evidence of influencing improvement, practice or decision making within own professionals or organisational context</p> <p>Evidence of contributing to partnership groups, programmes or strategic initiatives</p> <p>Demonstrable commitment to equity, diversity and inclusive practice</p>
Relationships and Influence	<p>Credibility and respect within relevant professional clinical, improvement or patient communities</p> <p>Ability to build effective relationships across organisations and disciplines</p> <p>Experience of working constructively within partnership or network environments</p> <p>Ability to support connection between Alliance activity and wider system or professional communities</p> <p>Willingness to act as a visible ambassador for Alliance priorities where appropriate</p>
Skills and Strengths	<p>Ability to contribute to strategic discussion and priority setting</p> <p>Ability to provide specialist insight and constructive challenge</p> <p>Ability to interpret complex information and contribute to decision making</p> <p>Ability to work collaboratively and respectfully across different perspectives</p> <p>Ability to communicate complex clinical or system issues clearly, particularly for those outside their immediate area of expertise</p>
Values and Ways of Working	<p>Acts in the collective interest of the Alliance</p>



	<p>Engages constructively and consistently in Board discussions</p> <p>Supports agreed decisions publicly and constructively</p> <p>Respects and values diverse and lived experience perspectives</p> <p>Demonstrates commitment to partnership working</p> <p>Champions patient centred improvement</p>
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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The Alliance is committed to building a Board that reflects the diversity of the communities and services it seeks to support. We welcome applications for individuals of all backgrounds and perspectives, including those with lived experience. Board members are expected to contribute to an environment where all voices are respected, and inclusive participation is actively encouraged.

Safeguarding and Respectful Participation

Board members share responsibility for maintaining safe, respectful and inclusive environment in which individuals can contribute openly and confidently.