

About UMHAN

The University Mental Health Advisers Network is a national UK charity working for people in Higher Education (HE) institutions who experience mental health difficulties. We are a network of people dedicated to providing practical support to students experiencing mental health difficulties.

We aim to...

1. Ensure HE and FE mental health support staff are equipped with the **tools, support, and empowerment** to best support students, and ensure **national representation** to influence the sector for good.
2. **Influence policy development** in the fields of Education, Mental Health, Disability, and beyond, to **proportionately and accurately represent** the needs and interests of people with mental health difficulties.
3. **Remove the barriers** to the full participation of people with mental health difficulties in higher education and beyond, encouraging the development of a culture in which people with mental health difficulties studying in higher education is a **mainstream notion**.

This is an exciting opportunity to play a crucial role in supporting the running of the UK's network of mental health specialists working in the Higher/Further Education

sector. Our members are dedicated to, and have a practical role in, providing support to students experiencing mental health difficulties. We have almost 400 members working in over 100 universities and colleges across the UK.

About being a Trustee

All trustees must:

1. Be a "[Fit and Proper Person](#)" as defined by HMRC
2. Be registered with the charity commission as a trustee by completing <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/confirmation-of-charity-trustee-eligibility>
3. Be aware of UMHAN aims and be active in working towards our strategy
4. Comply with UMHAN's constitution and relevant legislation
5. Act in UMHAN's best interest

6. Follow the guidance set out by the charity commission as can be viewed <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>
7. Agree to abide by the [Charity Governance Code](#)

General information

- Length of role:** Minimum 2 year commitment
- Location:** Remote. All of our trustees and members are scattered around the country and most meetings happen through conference calls
- Digital skills:** The charity and committee currently use the following packages: Google, Trello, Zoom and all Trustees will need access to a suitable device with webcam. They will also be expected to familiarise themselves with all software packages as required.