

CNHC Board members: Role description

The role of the CNHC Board and its individual members is to oversee the continuing development of this reputable voluntary regulatory body within the field of complementary healthcare and ensure that all statutory requirements are met. CNHC currently covers the following professions: Alexander Technique teaching; Aromatherapy; Bowen Therapy; Colon Hydrotherapy; Craniosacral Therapy; Healing; Hypnotherapy; Kinesiology; Massage Therapy; Microsystems Acupuncture; Naturopathy; Nutritional Therapy; Reflexology; Reiki; Shiatsu; Sports Massage; Sports Therapy; Yoga Therapy.

The responsibilities of Board members

The responsibilities of Board members fall into nine key areas:

1. Strategy

Board members must contribute to the development of strategy, agreeing overall policy, defining organisational goals and challenging constructively where required.

2. Performance

In meetings of the Board, members must scrutinise the performance of the executive against agreed goals and objectives and monitor the reporting of performance.

3. Financial risk

Board members must satisfy themselves that financial information is accurate and that financial controls and systems of risk management are clear, explicit, robust and defensible.

4. Other risk

Board members must ensure that regular risk assessments of the organisation's activities are carried out.

5. Compliance

Board members must ensure that the organisation complies with its governing documentation, company law, and any other relevant legislation or regulations.

6. People

Board members are responsible for determining appropriate levels of remuneration of staff and have a prime role in appointing, monitoring and, where necessary, removing, senior management and in succession planning.

7. Board development and effectiveness

Board members must ensure that the Board has the skill mix to effectively perform its functions and should adopt procedures for auditing its own performance.

8. Promoting the organisation

Board members must safeguard the good name and values of the organisation at all times and represent the organisation at functions and meetings, as appropriate.

9. Collective responsibility

Board members must recognise their collective responsibility for the decisions, actions, direction and progress of the organisation.