



Candidate information

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Thank you for your interest in a non-executive director role here at 2gether Support Solutions. This is a great time to join 2gether Support Solutions, at the beginning of our journey, we are an employer of in excess of 1,100 staff, providing total facilities management services to East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT). We are a wholly owned subsidiary of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) incorporated as a limited company in May 2019 with social values and priorities at our core.

We are looking for a non-executive director to join our Board with the clinical experience to provide both a clinical and patient perspective on the work that we do. You will be using your clinical experience gained in either a medical, nursing or allied health discipline to support the Board in its strategic decision making and to provide the patient and clinician voice. You will have a strong service delivery background with ideally experience across the third sector and an interest in social enterprise and improving the social impact of businesses like our own.

Remuneration is £12,000 per annum for a minimum of 3 days per month (formal and informal time) for Board and other meetings. Board meetings are currently held monthly.

This new role is really important to us and as such if you would like an informal talk about any aspects of the role or have any questions that would influence your application please do get in touch with our agents First Flight. In the mean time we look forward to receiving your application and wish you the best of luck.

With best wishes

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Chris Kenneally, Chair of 2gether Support Solutions





About 2gether Support Solutions

2gether Support Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary company of one of the largest NHS Foundation Trusts in the UK, East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT). The Trust established 2gether as a social enterprise principled limited company so that core facilities and support services can continue to be operated successfully with the added benefits that a private sector culture and approach can bring to enhancing and developing these services. The company remains 100% publicly owned, with the Trust as the only shareholder. A key priority for 2gether in the coming year is the delivery of the social enterprise elements of the business and measuring our social impact in regard to our services, such as supply chain opportunities for local companies, training and employment opportunities for staff and engaging with the third sector.

2gether Support Solutions has brought together employees from previous services in facilities management, estates and procurement, allowing the Trust to focus on delivering excellent care whilst at the same time allowing the company to provide essential support services and solutions, bringing innovation and best practice to enhance services over time. Our core customer is East Kent Hospitals which manages five hospitals over 210,000sqm of estate at William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital in Margate, Buckland Hospital in Dover, Royal Victoria Hospital in Folkestone; and Kent and Canterbury Hospital in Canterbury.

What we are all about

What we do: We pull together as one team to make a difference

Why we do it: To deliver great support to patients and staff

How we do it: We find solutions, care about what we do and you can trust us

How we want to be: Proud of our work and know what we're here to do

Role Description

Contributing to the work of the Board
<p>Contribute to the development of the strategic direction of the organisation and set challenging objectives to underpin continuous improvement in performance.</p> <p>Shape the culture of the organisation, its values and behaviours, ensuring they are demonstrated by the Board in all its actions.</p> <p>Participate fully in the work of the Board, ensuring the corporate responsibility of the board of Directors.</p> <p>Ensure that strategies and actions approved by the Board of Directors are implemented effectively by the Managing Director and the senior leadership team.</p> <p>Monitor the performance of the organisation and have a clear understanding of the risks and challenges (both internal and external) facing the organisation.</p>
Board and other activities
<p>Attend and possibly chair other sub committees of the Board and other ad-hoc meetings of the main Board</p> <p>Undergo an individual and Board performance appraisal, attending any additional training highlighted as a result of the evaluation process.</p> <p>Act as an ambassador for 2gether through active participation in external meetings and other events.</p> <p>Ensure a high level of visibility throughout the organisation and personally engage with staff across the organisation.</p>

Governance and compliance

Ensure that 2gether complies with all relevant legislation and regulations.

Ensure the highest standards of probity, integrity and governance and that 2gether's internal governance arrangements confirm to best practice and statutory requirements.

Specific requirement for the role

Act as patient and customer voice at the Board.

Advocate for social enterprise and social impact relating to the strategic objectives of the business.

Key requirements

Clinical experience gained in either a medical, nursing or allied health discipline, with a strong service delivery background and worked in the NHS.

Knowledge and understanding of the current health systems in the UK

A deep interest in healthcare issues and a commitment to the interests of patients.

Knowledge and understanding of a protocol based environment

Appreciation of and understanding of social enterprise and the social impact of business.

Understanding of public sector activities and environment

Strategic thinker with the ability to think and plan ahead, to develop a clear vision and enthuse others.

Credible with internal and external stakeholders

Able to uphold the standards of conduct set out in the Nolan Principles of Public Life.

Educated to at least degree level (or equivalent).

Board level experience in a large, complex customer facing organisation.

Sufficient time availability to commit up to 4 days per month to 2gether Support Solutions.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for appointment as non-executive director you must not be disqualified by virtue of the criteria set out below:

- A person who has been adjudged bankrupt or whose estate has been sequestered and (in either case) has not been discharged.
- A person who has made a composition or arrangement with, or granted a trust deed for, his creditors and has not been discharged in respect of it.
- A person who within the preceding five years has been convicted in the British Island of any offence if a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months (without the option of a fine) was imposed.

In addition for appointment to the Board of 2gether Support Solutions, EKHUFT require that you meet the fit and proper person test requirements as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2008 and outlined below:

- The individual is of good character. Good character is measured by whether the person has been convicted in the UK of any offence or been convicted elsewhere of any offence which if committed in any part of the UK would constitute an offence and whether a person has been erased or removed or struck off a register maintained by a regulator of a health and social work professional body.
 - The individual has the qualifications, competence, skills and experience which are necessary for the relevant office or position or the work for which they are employed.
 - The individual is able by reason of their health, after reasonable adjustments are made, to properly perform tasks which are intrinsic to the office or position for which they are appointed or to the work for which they are employed.
 - The individual has not been responsible for, been privy to, contributed to or facilitated any serious misconduct or mismanagement in the course of carrying out regulated activity or providing a service elsewhere, which if provided in England, would be a regulated activity.
- None of the grounds of unfitness specified in Part 1 of Schedule 4 of the act apply to the individual (e.g. bankruptcy, sequestration and insolvency appearing on barred lists and being prohibited from holding directorships under other laws)