

Who we need

SCIE is seeking to appoint a trustee with experience of using social care services in the UK to join its Board. The Board is accountable for the strategy and governance of SCIE – it sets the objectives and strategies and makes sure they are delivered. Our Board provide expert advice to the executive team as well as the insight and common sense that only trustees can bring. The role is challenging but extremely rewarding.

Don't be put off by stereotypes. SCIE's Board is as diverse as it is important which you will see if you have a look at the [SCIE website](#) to see the scale and breadth of SCIE's work, successes, challenges and influence.

The trustee will also have responsibility for chairing and developing a new SCIE network. The network will consist of user and carer controlled organisations and other equality groups. It will inform SCIE's strategic decision making and provide a pool of stakeholders which SCIE can involve in projects and programmes.

If you are passionate about making peoples' lives better and you have the skills to match then SCIE wants you to apply. Full details about the role appear on this site but please get in touch if you require any more information.

Person specification

SCIE is looking to recruit to the board people able to work in a team and able to contribute some of the following:

N.B: The first three bullets are essential criteria for this appointment

- Experience of using social care services in the UK;
- Understanding and knowledge of the social model of disability;
- Experience of user-controlled organisations

- Experience of strategic management and leadership in services for children and families and/or services for adults in the statutory, voluntary, independent or third sector;
- People from BME and other diverse or minority communities with experience of using, providing or working in social care services"
- Experience of board membership, in commercial, voluntary, charitable or public service organisations;
- A successful record of achievement in their chosen field whether in business, academia, social activity or in the community;
- An understanding of and commitment to the principles of SCIE;
- An understanding of how to structure knowledge and evidence in ways which are accessible to practitioners, and help to stimulate change and raise standards of practice and service delivery;
- An understanding of organisational change and an ability to contribute to the development of organisational principles;
- The capacity to absorb information quickly from written material and to distinguish key points relevant to the remit;
- Sound and confident communication skills and a willingness to act as an ambassador for SCIE;
- A full understanding of and commitment to equal opportunities and valuing diversity.

Board members should have no personal or financial related interests which might prejudice the exercise of duties in relation to SCIE.