



CHARTERED SOCIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY

ROLE OF COUNCIL & COUNCIL MEMBERS

[The CSP is committed to equality of opportunity and actively guards against unfair discrimination on any grounds (including sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, race, sex, age or disability). We encourage applicants from all countries and crown dependencies of the UK.]

1. Council's Purpose

As the highest decision-making body of the CSP, our Council's purpose is to provide leadership of the profession and governance of the CSP.

2. Council's strategic role and responsibilities

Council is made up of 12 elected members to lead and represent CSP members wherever they live and work. Council members are collectively responsible:

- a. for setting strategy and policy and to ensure that they are delivered;
- b. providing a collective voice for the profession and acting in the best interests of the profession as a whole;
- c. for listening to and connecting with members to understand frontline issues;
- d. for understanding how the CSP works;
- e. for following and upholding the provisions of the Royal Charter;
- f. for ensuring that CSP finance and resources are well used and accounted for to ensure the Society's long-term sustainability;
- g. for working with Council's committees, projects, boards, networks and other groups;
- h. for appointing the Chief Executive and holding them to account;
- i. for representing Council's views and policies to different audiences;
- j. for approving the appointment of the employee nominated Pension Trustees;
- k. for approving appointments to Council committees;
- l. for ensuring that the work of its committees is strategic, co-ordinated and productive;
- m. for maintaining high standards of governance and the Society's reputation;
- n. to the CSP membership for Council decisions and actions, being held to account at the Annual General Meeting and to be accountable to members at the Annual Representative Conference; and
- o. for other activities as agreed by Council.

3. Council Members' individual responsibilities

As individuals, all Council members have a duty to:

- a. observe the highest standards of integrity, confidentiality and objectivity;
- b. respect the trust and confidence of our voting members by working hard for and making a personal contribution to all aspects of Council's business;
- c. actively participate, ask questions and be constructively challenging in Council debates;
- d. attend Council meetings, the Annual Representative Conference (ARC), the Physiotherapy UK conference and other key CSP and professional events;
- e. serve on committees, project boards and working groups;
- f. take responsibility to own Council decisions collectively, irrespective of their own viewpoint;
- g. connect and engage with our members including the Country Boards, regional networks, professional networks, stewards and special interest groups;
- h. to promote the CSP and to inform members of Council's decision-making;
- i. keep up to date with the work of the CSP as a membership organisation, trade union and professional body;
- j. keep up to date with key professional and political issues affecting our members;
- k. participate in an annual development review with the Chair and to take responsibility for ongoing induction and development as a Council member;
- l. avoid conflicts of interest where possible and declare any conflicts or perceived conflicts of interest;
- m. avoid using their position on Council to promote private interests or for personal benefit; and
- n. engage in any other duties, activities or projects agreed by Council.

4. Supporting Documents

Charter

Bye-Laws

Council Code of Conduct

Council member Person Specification

Regulations/Standing Orders

Scheme of Delegation