

Professional Standards Committee Recruitment pack

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL HERBALISTS

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ABOUT US

We have operated a register for professional medical herbalists for over 150 years, and are the largest body of herbal practitioners in the UK. The organisation has a long and illustrious history, and today the Institute has members throughout the United Kingdom and internationally.

We are proud of our heritage, and we are just as excited about our future. Plant based medicines that are tailored to individual needs, in-depth consultations where patients voices are heard, and a focus on treating causes rather than just symptoms mean that our members are playing their part in creating a better, healthier future for everyone.

Feel better – see a herbalist

OUR VISION:

"A world where the expertise and knowledge of herbalists is recognised as a foremost source of healthcare, education and community"

OUR PURPOSE:

To promote and safeguard the practice of herbal medicine, support our members, and to preserve and advance herbal knowledge.



WHAT WE DO

The Institute promotes the benefits, the efficacy and the safe use of herbal medicine. Our members treat thousands of patients every year. By choosing one of our members as your practitioner you can be confident of their high standards of training and professional conduct.

- Maintaining a Register of individual members.
- Setting the profession's educational standards.
- Running an accreditation system for training establishments.
- Maintaining mandatory programmes of professional development.
- Providing codes of conduct, ethics and practice
- Operating complaints and disciplinary procedures.
- Representing the profession, patients and the public
- Ensuring that all of our Members have sufficient insurance.
- Operating a mandatory comprehensive block insurance scheme.

In the UK and around the world, people's experience to, and access to healthcare is influenced by social, cultural and economic factors, which result in inequalities

We are at the start of our journey towards achieving our vision for herbalists to be recognised as a foremost source of healthcare, education and community, and as part of this journey we must seek to become a credible voice for all communities.

We must understand, learn and advocate for all communities that practitioners and patients may be part of, and as part of this we want our boards and committees to attract members from under- represented groups, and to bring skills and experiences of the groups to these fora to enable us to make the right decisions for all.

ABOUT THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (PSC)

The role of the PSC is to maintain, develop and oversee standards in all aspects of the professional practice of herbal medicine

The committee is responsible for standards in

- -Education and training
- -Educational Accreditation
- -Continuing professional development
- -Professional conduct

The PSC will keep abreast of professional standards and legislation in healthcare and medicine which affect herbal medicine.

The PSC may work with the

- Admissions Board
- Health and Conduct Committee
- Ethics committee
- Education Committee
- Medicines Committee including the Yellow Card Scheme

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Maybe you are interested in educational standards within the herbal medicine sector, or how the Institute maintains its professional standards, or would like to be part of developing Institute policies? Or perhaps you want to be part of ongoing clinical skills training, safeguarding training, or other CPD?

Some of the skills which might be useful include:

- Being able to contribute to a group with collective accountability
- Ability to synthesise information presented and make effective decisions
- Awareness and understanding of the herbal medicine profession
- Commitment to the organisation's objects, aims and values.



WHAT IS INVOLVED?

We'll ask you to:

- Attend 4 video meeting per year, normally lasting under two hours
- Contribute, if necessary, to some projects in between meetings

In return you will get::

- An insight into how the Institute operates as the PSC works alongside and collaborates with many other panels, working groups, and committees, including Council.
- The chance to gain skills, add experience that will enhance your resumé,
- Time to network with successful and experienced herbalists.
- A payment of £65 for each video meeting you attend, and payment for project work in between meetings too.
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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you wish to apply please email info@nimh.org.uk including a brief description of yourself. What are your strengths? What would your colleagues/friends say about you? What experiences would you bring? (max 250 words)

