

Election of Trustees

Under the constitution of Haemophilia Scotland we are required to have between 4 and 12 charity trustees. Currently there are 7 trustees.

At each AGM one third of the trustees retire and are eligible for re-election. Those retiring are those who have been longest in office since last elected.

The following trustees are due to retire:

Adam Davidson
Joanne Kirkham
Grahame Malloch

Grahame Malloch has indicated he does not wish to be re-appointed.

Adam Davidson and Joanne Kirkham have put themselves forward for re-appointment.

That brings the number of trustees to 6.

During August/September the Board advertised externally and via mail shot to existing members for persons to put their name forward for election as trustees. Following discussion with the persons who put their names forward, the Board recommends for election the following 3 new trustees:

Thomas Lorenz (Perth)

Whilst I do not suffer from a blood disease myself, I have first-hand experience in my immediate family of how disability and chronic illness affects an individual and those around the individual.

In Q1 this year, The Haemophilia Society, started talking to me about an advocacy piece on blood diseases and the workplace. The research I have done on the matter really piqued my interest as I could relate to the effects on individuals and those around them through my own experiences in my family.

Reviewing the objectives and challenges that the charity currently deals with, I feel that I could add value from bringing relevant experience and skill-set gained in the corporate world – most of important of all though, if you were considering to put your trust in me, you shall have my commitment!

I had been looking for a cause that really resonated with me and that I could support as trustee and simply 'give back'.

Katie Mackie (Musselburgh)

I have a nephew with haemophilia, and I am a carrier of the haemophilia gene. My nephew lives a full life, but I have seen how living with the constant pain caused by haemophilia has affected his confidence levels.

The Infected Blood Enquiry highlighted the tragic outcome for victims infected with contaminated blood and raised the profile of haemophilia. However, I still feel the public has little awareness of this condition and the impact it has on individuals suffering from this rare condition and on their family and friends.

Clearly the Enquiry will have taken up a vast amount of Haemophilia Scotland's time and resource. Now that the UK Government has announced interim compensation payments, there is an opportunity for Trustees to raise awareness of other issues impacting on haemophiliacs and to highlight new treatments that are being developed.

I hope the knowledge I have gained through my work in public affairs and public relations and my understanding of Scottish Government structures would assist Haemophilia Scotland advocate with Scottish Government Ministers and officials, particularly when looking at the funding of treatments for bleeding disorders so that people with this rare condition are able to live a fulfilling life.

Kazeem Alabi (Glasgow)

I am a medical doctor by profession, with an interest in public health, and a PMI-certified Project Manager. Throughout the course of my professional career, I have worked in various capacities that have involved both clinical and non-clinical practices. I am passionate about and committed to charitable causes, especially ones that help the vulnerable people in our society, like the elderly, children, and people who are chronically ill or disabled.

Seeing the positive impacts and changes my efforts have brought about in other people's lives is a huge source of motivation and driving force for me.

My experiences in medical practice and in personal life (the loss of my 2day old precious baby girl to a bleeding disorder) have allowed me to understand the feelings of people who have bleeding disorders and their families. These also strengthened my decision and determination to join the board.

Becoming a volunteer trustee with Haemophilia Scotland will provide me with the opportunity to lend my support to the causes that are being advocated for by the organisation and to assist in achieving its strategic goals and objectives. I would be more than happy to offer the organisation my strategic program planning, policy analysis and development, program management, strategic partnerships, administrative, and research skills.

I will collaborate with other Board members and all internal and external stakeholders to ensure people living with bleeding disorders and their families benefit from the organisation's projects and activities. I enjoy volunteering and motivating people.