

BIHS Clinical Practitioners Special Interest Group (CP SIG) Vacancies

Application Terms and Conditions

1. Purpose of the Role

Group members will support the objectives of the BIHS CP SIG, which include representing the non-medical practitioners with an interest and/or specialism in the assessment, treatment and management of hypertension as well as contributing to the development of education for non-medical practitioners on hypertension and blood pressure management.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for this role, applicants must be a nurse, pharmacist or other allied health professionals (AHPs) from both primary care and secondary care working in the field of hypertension and cardiovascular disease with a special interest in hypertension across the United Kingdom and Ireland, but governed by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

To be eligible for this role, applicants must:

- Members must hold a current clinical registration from the HCPC, GPC or NMC; in exceptional circumstances a non-registrant professional may become a member of the SIG with the express consent of the Executive Committee.
- Have an active interest in public health, hypertension, preventative cardiology and emerging research
- Be committed to the aims and values of BIHS.
- Be able to dedicate sufficient time and energy to the role, as agreed upon during recruitment.
- Agree to abide by the BIHS CP SIG terms of reference, policy and code of conduct.
- Be or become a member of the BIHS prior to applying.
- Be able to attend at least 4 meetings per year
- Attend the BIHS Annual Scientific Meeting

3. Responsibilities

Responsibilities will include:

- contributing to the educational activity organised by the BIHS and to ensure that education, digital resources and training initiatives carried out by BIHS are available and appropriate for clinical practitioners.
- ensuring all relevant activity as it relates to the mission of the BIHS Clinical Practitioners SIG is aligned with the BIHS strategy;

- raising awareness and promoting evidence based good practice in blood pressure management within non-medical specialities and professions;
- liaising with non-medical professional bodies and the Education committee to advising and guiding on blood pressure management education in non-medical professions;
- disseminating best practice research findings and quality improvement projects in hypertension care through appropriate media and fora (e.g. presentations and peer review research publications);
- facilitating collaborative links between clinical practice and research in hypertension care through proactive engagement, networking with academic, clinical and other active researchers
- proactively sharing and developing knowledge, expertise and best practice in hypertension care;
- incorporating research-based evidence into practice;
- promoting the importance of hypertension care as a national priority;

4. Commitment

Committee members are expected to commit to the role for a minimum period of 3years, with an estimated time commitment of 2-4hrs/month. Extensions or adjustments to the commitment period will be mutually agreed upon as needed.

5. Conduct and Professionalism

- Committee members must act in a professional and respectful manner when representing BIHS.
- Confidentiality must be maintained regarding any sensitive or proprietary information.
- Any conflicts of interest must be disclosed to the Chair of the CP SIG by completing a form each year and updating as and when there are any changes

6. Support and Supervision

- The committee member will report to the Chair of the CP SIG
- The CP SIG will be supported by the BIHS Education Committee
- Training and resources necessary to fulfil the role will be provided.
- Regular feedback will be given to ensure the committee member feels supported and valued.

7. Reimbursement

This is an unpaid committee member position. However, BIHS will reimburse reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of the role, such as travel or materials, in accordance with the BIHS Expense Policy.

8. Termination of Agreement

Either party may terminate the agreement at any time with reasonable notice. Grounds for termination include:

- Failure to meet the agreed-upon responsibilities.
- Breach of confidentiality or conduct unbecoming a representative of BIHS.

9. Equal Opportunities

BIHS is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment. Applications are welcomed from individuals of all backgrounds, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability, or religion.

10. Acceptance of Terms

By accepting the role, the committee member agrees to adhere to these terms and conditions and work collaboratively towards achieving the goals of the BIHS CP SIG.