

## BRITISH ACUPUNCTURE ACCREDITATION BOARD

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### LAY MEMBER OF THE BOARD

### ROLE DESCRIPTION

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The British Acupuncture Accreditation Board is responsible to the Acupuncture profession for the accreditation of the pre-registration acupuncture education courses and for implementing the standards set by the Acupuncture profession. The Lay role exists to represent the patient/public viewpoint in discussion and decision making, and involves questioning or challenging where necessary.

Lay members share responsibility as part of the team to ensure that the Board exercises its functions effectively, efficiently, economically, with good governance and in accordance within the terms of the Board's Memorandum and Articles and Code of Conduct. The Lay Member is a statutory member of the Board with full voting rights. They bring a unique perspective, informed by expertise and experience. This will support decisions made by the Board and will help ensure that:

- the interests of patients and the community remain at the heart of discussions and decisions
- in all aspects of its business, good governance remains central at all times.
- decisions are taken with regard to the best use of finances
- the Board maintains a consistent focus on quality, integration and innovation

It is desirable but not essential that the lay member has the following experience and understanding:

#### Experience

- working in / with public engagement organisations or working to represent communities
- acupuncture as a patient and or interest in acupuncture
- committee work

#### Understanding

- good governance
- health services and professions and an appreciation of the broad social, political and economic trends
- higher education, particularly in the health professions
- the confidence to question information and explanations supplied by others, who may be experts in their field
- the ability to influence and persuade others articulating a balanced, not personal, view and to engage in constructive debate without being adversarial or losing respect and goodwill
- the ability to take an objective view, seeing issues from all perspectives, especially external and user perspectives
- the ability to communicate effectively, listening to others and actively sharing information