

### PCDS Committee elections: Call for candidates

*“The aim of the Society is to support primary care professionals to deliver high quality, clinically effective care, in order to improve the lives of people living with diabetes.”*

Since its creation in 2004, the PCDS has built a large membership of healthcare professionals working in primary care diabetes, run numerous highly successful educational conferences, played a role in the development of various toolkits and other healthcare initiatives, and worked in liaison with other professional groups and in lobbying politicians.

PCDS Committee posts are elected on a 3-yearly basis, with the cycles staggered across the representatives. The Committee is always interested to hear from Society members who are seeking to take a more active role, and one way in which this can be achieved is via membership of the Committee. Elected members generously give their own time. Much of the work is done by email, but there are typically four Committee meetings each year, held on Saturdays in Birmingham with preparatory meetings on the Friday evening.

The PCDS represents all of the UK nations and the Republic of Ireland, and thus accepts applications from members across the British Isles.

**This year, the Committee would particularly welcome applicants with backgrounds in nursing, practice nursing, pharmacy or other allied healthcare professionals in the multi-disciplinary team.**

#### How to stand for election to the PCDS Committee

To stand for election, please submit a resumé of up to 150 words to [pcds@omniamed.com](mailto:pcds@omniamed.com), along with a recent photograph, both of which will be published in *Diabetes & Primary Care* in the list of candidates. Please also note the following points:

- You must have a substantive NHS post working in the professional care of people with diabetes in a primary care setting.
- You must be a current member of the PCDS.
- You must have read and accepted the PCDS Code of Conduct and its policies on Conflicts of Interest and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, [which can be found here](#).
- The deadline for submitting your resumé is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July**.
- The Committee’s constitution seeks to ensure a balance between clinicians from medicine, nursing and allied professions, and also some geographical balance. Applications may be reviewed by the PCDS Elections Committee in order to promote this.

Voting will take place later in the year. ■

### Practicalities and pitfalls

National Conference Centre, Birmingham  
13-14 September 2023

