

Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline - Trustee Advertisement

About the Charity

Our Vision

In a quest to reduce DA by increasing awareness and providing support, HDAH provides a confidential signposting service across Hertfordshire to those impacted by DA. Whether directly serving victims, perpetrators or their families, or indirectly to professionals, HDAH has a comprehensive and unique understanding of local resources that can help them. Its commitment is to always 'put the caller at the heart of the service'.

HDAH will increase its capability to service 4,000 callers per annum by 2021, extending the hours to 24/7. It will link into local public, private and voluntary sectors, to build meaningful relationships for mutual support and to secure funding to ensure sustainability of the helpline for the future.

About Us

HDAH has now completed its seventh year as a registered charity but has been operational for a total of 16 years. We now employ two staff members; a Helpline Coordinator and a Champions Network Manager as a result of a recently won contract to be the lead organisation for the Hertfordshire Sunflower Champions Network funded by the Home Office and Hertfordshire County Council.

The Opportunity

As a Charity we have a small, friendly Board of Trustees who provide governance and oversight but also so much more. This is a very exciting time for the Charity and a great opportunity to be involved as a Trustee. We are looking to appoint some new Trustees, adding to the skills and expertise within our current Board.

What the trustee role would involve

The HDAH Trustees have independent control over, and legal responsibility for, the charity's management and administration. The Charity Commission expects Trustees to take their responsibilities seriously but also recognises that most Trustees are volunteers who sometimes make honest mistakes. Trustees are not expected to be perfect - they are expected to do their best to comply with their duties. Charity law generally protects Trustees who have acted honestly and reasonably.

As a Trustee you would attend Board meetings 6 times per year, plus an AGM. You would also lead one aspect of the Trustees' responsibilities working alongside staff and others. This requires additional time commitment that is at your discretion.

As a Trustee you need to be able to meet the time commitment but must also have:

- good independent judgement and strategic vision
- an ability to think creatively
- a willingness to speak your mind and also to listen to others
- an understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of Trusteeship
- an ability to work effectively as a member of a team.

Like most Trustee roles, this role is unpaid but Trustees' travel expenses will be reimbursed

Who we're looking for

We are looking to appoint some new Trustees, adding to the skills and expertise within our current Board. In particular we wish to appoint Trustees with expertise in:

Legal, HR, Fundraising, Grant Applications, Health Sector engagement, Technology (including telephone system and web-based platform) and Marketing/Advertising/Media.

We will welcome applications from people of all backgrounds who share our commitment to supporting survivors of domestic abuse.

Application process

If you are interested in giving your time to a worthwhile cause and can contribute to our important work please apply to:

Mary Lines, Vice Chair at:

ViceChair@hertsdomesticabusehelpline.org

Please send your current comprehensive CV and a short personal statement, explaining why you are interested in this role and what skills and experience you think you can bring to HDAH.

Further information is available on our website or you can call Mary Lines on 07796445711

Closing date: 17 August 2018

Interviews: Week Commencing 3 September 2018