

Why get involved with the DHP committee?

- Exciting opportunities to be part of shaping and advancing our discipline.
- Developing leadership and negotiation skills, communication with a wide range of stakeholders.
- Learn more about the workings of the BPS.
- Collegiality – giving back to DHP.
- Opportunities to network with colleagues and see the national landscape of health psychology and psychology more generally.
- Good for your CV and contributes to your CPD activities.
- Funded attendance at the DHP Annual Conference.

Expectations of all committee members:

1. Contribute to the strategic direction of the DHP, thinking about raising the profile of the DHP and horizon scanning future developments in health psychology.
2. Take on projects of priority to the membership and complete these in a timely fashion.
3. Consider the broad membership of the DHP in all matters.
4. Ensure work is in line with Society's priorities, policies and strategic plans.
5. Write regular brief reports and AGM reports as required.
6. Present effectively at meetings.
7. Meet timescales, prioritise and organise work effectively.
8. Work with non-committee members as needed in order to achieve aims.
9. Attend all committee meetings (in person or by tele-conference) and if not able to occasionally, provide written reports.
10. Attend annual conference (subsidised) and take an active role, discussions with members, chairing sessions, attending AGM.
11. Promote the work of the DHP.
12. To be a member of the DHP.

Practice Lead

Aim: To increase the profile and influence of health psychology practice with the policy makers, employers and other health professionals.

Objectives:

1. To publicise the contribution health psychologists make in applied practice settings as a vital part of the health workforce
2. To optimise the employability of stage 2 health psychology trainees
3. To advocate for opportunities for trainee and qualified health psychologists in applied practice settings
4. To voice issues relating to practice raised by the health psychology community to relevant BPS committees and stakeholders

Key responsibilities:

- Represent the DHP membership on relevant BPS committees.
- Liaise with the DHP Policy Lead, Training/HPQB committee and Education & Training Lead to co-ordinate and develop best practice guidance and standards for applied health psychologists working with the National Health Service. For example, issues relating to national job profiles for applied health psychologists, their pay, conditions of service, access to training and the commissioning of training for applied health psychologists.