

What does it mean to be a Member of CBC Health Federation?

There are two aspects of being a member of our company, the official corporate rights and responsibilities part, and the second aspect, supporting an organisation that provides key services to practices and patients in Gateshead. By being a member, you have the chance to influence the direction and decisions the company makes, take part in our annual general meetings and join with colleagues working hard to provide the best care possible.

Officially, a Company Member is an individual whose name is entered in the Register of Members of the Company.

Within CBC Health Federation membership shall be construed accordingly with articles 7, 8, 11, 13, 20, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 of CBC's Articles of Association as adopted from 7th September 2021.

In essence a member can vote on company resolutions and major changes such as the appointment or removal of Directors of the company, as described and detailed in the Articles of Association.

Membership (taken from our Articles of Association)

- The Company shall admit to Membership an individual who:
 - applies to the Company using the application process approved by the Board; and
 - is approved by the Board.
- A letter shall be sent to each successful applicant confirming their Membership of the Company and the details of each successful applicant shall be entered into the register of Members of the Company by the secretary.
- An applicant for Membership must be proposed by a Board Member and such proposal must be seconded by another Board Member.
- The Board may in its absolute discretion decline to accept any application for Membership and need not give reasons for doing so.
- The Board may prescribe criteria for Membership of the Company but shall not be obliged to accept persons fulfilling those criteria as Members.
- Membership shall be open to any individual who is:
 - a General Practitioner, employee or worker providing services in accordance with the Objects at a General Practice providing primary care services in Gateshead; or
 - employed by or working in services provided by the Company.

- All Members shall pay to the Company on becoming a Member any annual subscription fee, payable on 1 April in each year being a subscription fee of such amount to be decided by the Board from time to time. (NB, we have to say this but at this time we have no plans to ask for a fee/subscription).
- If any Member fails to pay their subscription fee for any year within 1 month of its becoming due the secretary shall notify them that within 3 months of any subscription fee becoming due they shall by reason of that failure cease to be a Member but shall be eligible for readmission on payment of all arrears due from them while being a Member and of the amount of the subscription fee that would have been due from them if they had continued to be a Member up to the time of their readmission.
- The maximum number of Members shall be 500 but the Board may from time to time increase or decrease the total number of persons who may be registered as Members.

Decision making by members

Votes of members

- Subject to the Companies Act, at any general meeting:
 - (a) every Member entitled to vote who is present in person (or by proxy) shall on a show of hands have one vote: and
 - (b) every Member present in person (or by proxy) shall on a poll have one vote.

CBC Health Federation and all its associated Trading companies have in company law to be registered at Companies House and certain pieces of information must be undertaken to fulfil statutory and legal requirements. One of them is the company secretary must keep an up-to-date list of the company members. This list is not visible on Companies house website but must be available to Companies House, hence why every year we need to check that our list of members is still up to date and accurate.

If you have any questions about the process or about being a member, please contact us via the cbchealth.governance@nhs.net email.