

BCS Health and Care Executive - Chair

Context

BCS Health and Care provides leadership focus on the health and care sector both from a policy perspective and as a community. The BCS Health and Care Executive reports to the Institute's Community Board.

Key Responsibilities include leading the BCS Health and Care Executive; chairing meetings and setting agendas, contribution to and leadership within the BCS public policy development around health and care, and engagement with the wider health community. Close and collegiate working with member groups – both health-focussed and more generally – staff teams, and the broader volunteer community is essential.

BCS as part of a group of professional body has setup a collaboration in Health & Social Care do deliver professional registration in health and care Informatics, known as FEDIP. This represents a strategic opportunity that needs to be seized to embed professional standards in health and care informatics and collaboration across clinical and non-clinical communities in health and care informatics, as well for BCS to further support the professional development of health and care informaticians through BCS membership.

This appointment therefore needs to be someone with credibility that translates across clinical, social care, and technology settings. This does not equate to deep experience in each, but the gravitas to command respect across a broad community. Integrity and vision are perhaps the most important qualities that BCS needs to display in this context, and the Chair who leads this transition must hold these qualities.

The role represents an opportunity to shape the future of BCS in this area, and to play a pivotal and high-profile role within the wider health and care informatics community and help shape how this area develops for the public benefit.

The successful roll candidate will work to ensure that the Health and Care executive continues to be a leading community for professionalism and public policy in health and care informatics. This should translate as an effective, diverse and aspirational Executive that through strong governance will continue to lead the community towards developing better and safer care through the use of information and technology.

Board Membership

Community Board will make the appointment as the relevant governance board, and the Chair in consultation with the relevant Vice Presidents will have scope to agree appropriate connections with other relevant BCS Boards such as society and the organisation and employers board.

All other appointments are based on nominations by the Health Executive to Community Board for ratification.

BCS Health and Care Chair - Person Specification

	Essential	Desirable
A senior professional with knowledge of externally facing IT policy affecting the profession and wider society	√	
Credibility and experience in either health or social care informatics environments	√	
Credibility with clinical community	√	
Experience in the application and use of information and technology		√
A strategic thinker	√	
A skilled communicator with the ability to debate topical issues and draw succinct conclusions to express the views of the majority	√	
Board level inter-personal skills including the ability to contribute positively and to challenge constructively	√	
Board level leadership skills	√	
Experience in public or professional policy development, or public affairs		√
Willingness to commit the time required for preparation and board participation	√	
Professional Member or Fellow of BCS	√	

Preference will be given to candidates who:

- Can demonstrate relevance and credibility in health and social care integration
- Have knowledge and expertise of community building / engagement and leadership
- Have knowledge of the way policy, technology and implementation interact
- Are skilled communicators and strategic thinkers with the ability to debate topical issues and draw succinct conclusions to express the views of the majority and determine key focus areas