



7 June 2018

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Trustee of VoiceAbility.

VoiceAbility works to make sure that everyone's voice is heard and that people have real rights and control over their lives. Each year we support 30,000 people to help make this happen. We employ 300 members of staff and we spend 9 million pounds each year on our services.

We believe that people who use social care and health services and carers know best about what they need in their own lives. This includes people with mental health problems, disabilities, learning disabilities and autism. We also believe that organisations like VoiceAbility do a better job when these people have a big say in running the organisation. So we are looking for people who can use their own experience of using social care and health services, or of being carers, to help set the direction and make the big decisions about how VoiceAbility runs. We will provide practical support to Trustees to help them take part fully in the Board.

We are also looking for people with the business and professional skills needed to set VoiceAbility's direction, support and challenge its management, and to make sure that it is achieving its goals.

We will be especially keen to welcome applications from people who have both personal experience and professional skills, although this is not a requirement.

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The Board's role is to:

- Decide on the very big changes that VoiceAbility should make in the years ahead.
- Check how well VoiceAbility is making the changes it wants to make.
- Make sure that VoiceAbility keeps to the law.
- Make sure that the Chief Executive and the top managers (the Executive Team) are working well.

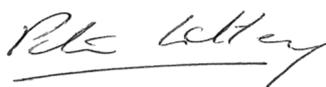
The role description and person specification in this pack tells you more about what Trustees do and what skills, knowledge and experience they need.

The Board meets at least four times a year and trustees are expected to do work at other times too. Trustees are volunteers. They are not paid for their work, but their expenses are paid.

If you would like to apply for the role please complete the application form and send it to: claire.lines@voiceability.org or to the postal address below by 9am Monday 2 July. If you would like to talk about the trustee role, or about how to apply, please contact Claire Lines on 07770 014 106. Shortlisted candidates will be assigned to attend an interview on the 10 July in Cambridge, or on the 16 July in London. Successful applicants will be invited to observe our Board meeting on 25 September in London.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Letley".

Peter Letley, Chair

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