

HSP Support Group AGM 2020 – Trustee Statements

Group trustees are elected by members by a majority vote at the AGM, each serving a three year term. Two of the current trustees are coming to the end of their term and are happy to seek re-election, and a new trustee seeks election. Statements from all three are below:

Adam Lawrence

I am honoured to have been the Chair of the group for the last three years. I have enjoyed working with the trustees and everyone else to help the group move forward. I am really pleased with and proud of the progress made with the organisation of the group and the recent introduction of on-line meetings.

If re-elected as a trustee I will continue to build on the progress made helping us to work in a consistent, transparent and supportive way. I will strive to; continue capturing best practice and sharing it with others, make our information easier to find, and help people to be more connected and able to help themselves.

I will continue to listen to members to find their opinions of, and ideas for, the group. I stated these aims in my election statement, and whilst progress is being made, they are still relevant. I would like the group to:

- give better support to those whose journeys are more challenging,
- coordinate and support fund raising activities,
- begin to steer the direction of HSP research in the UK,
- develop links with relevant organisations so we can collectively help each other.

John Mason

My experience:

- In business I owned a software development company and I retain an interest in databases and web based applications such as membership systems. I manage the current HSPSG membership technology.
- Sonya (my wife) and I have been Treasurer of the Group since 2009.

I would like to contribute to the following:

- Getting the membership database aligned with the new constitution particularly on classes of membership
- Getting the membership database processes aligned with the new GDPR legislation
- Encouraging more regional meetings
- Continuing to manage the income and expenditure of the Group so that funds raised are spent to the benefit of the membership

Mitesh Patel

My partner has HSP. I have seen first hand the challenges with everyday tasks and decisions but also been privileged to see my partner complete medical training and become a doctor. This can inspire others. I hope to support those with HSP, family members and impart my medical and research knowledge.