

# Bridge are looking for new Trustees

We are looking to appoint new Trustees who will continue to develop Bridge's external relationships, provide excellent support and challenge to the organisation, and be part of our Board of Trustees – to ensure the continued development and success of Bridge both for the clients we support and the staff we employ.

You will find full details of this opportunity on our website at [bridgesupport.org/bridge-trustee-recruitment/](https://bridgesupport.org/bridge-trustee-recruitment/) and if you would like to discuss this opportunity please contact Debbie Towersey via email on [debbie.towersey@bridgesupport.org](mailto:debbie.towersey@bridgesupport.org), or by phone on 020 8298 9677.

## About Bridge Support

Since 1986, we have been bridging the gap between in-patient services and living independently within the community. We now operate services across London and Essex to support people who have long-term mental health conditions, offering them flexible and proven pathways to safely integrate back into the community.

## Our Services

Bridge offers a complete pathway of step-down services from hospital to home – from Forensic to high, medium, and finally tapering community support – with the end goal of enabling our clients to live as independent a life as is possible for them. We operate Bridge Back Home and a non-NHS model recovery college, and collaborate with other providers on specific projects.

## Bridge in 2023

We presently employ some 200 staff and, in conjunction with our partners in the NHS, Integrated Care Boards, and local authorities, we currently help over 2,000 people a year with mental health problems.

In the financial year ended 31 March 2023, our income was £5.1M and our budgeted income for this current year is £8.1M.

## The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has ultimate responsibility for the governance and management of Bridge. As such it owns the strategic direction for Bridge, including its vision, aims and strategies.

It guides Bridge to achieve its aims in the most efficient and effective manner consistent with its organisational values and approach, providing leadership, guidance and support, and constructive challenge to the Executive Team of Bridge.

## The Opportunity

This is a very exciting time to join the Bridge Board of Trustees. During the last year we have secured two major contracts that will see us as the sole provider of high, medium, and low supported living for people with mental health problems in Essex. In addition we are involved in the tendering process to extend our 24hr Complex Needs pilot service in Kingston, and are in advanced discussions with Commissioners in both South London and in Essex.

Bridge understands the complexity of successfully providing mental health services which are tailored to the needs of individuals whilst working within a health care system under the pressure of increasing demand and shrinking budgets. We firmly believe that the pathways we provide help people who no longer need to be in hospital to navigate their way back to living independently within the community.