

College governor

Location: Sense College Peterborough

Responsible to: Senior Leaders

Days of the week: 1 day per week

Sense is a leading disability charity, here to break down barriers alongside disabled people with complex needs. We use our knowledge and expertise to deliver personalised, creative and flexible support at every stage of life. Together, we drive change, building a future where everyone has the power, choice and control to live the lives we choose.

Our values

Our values shape the way we behave and work alongside disabled people with complex needs to break down barriers.

- We're creating change
- We're always learning
- We're better together

Description of the role

As a college Governor, you'll play a vital non-executive role in ensuring our colleges continue to deliver excellent, inclusive education. You'll help set the strategic direction, monitor performance, and provide independent oversight and support to senior leaders.

Key responsibilities

You'll spend time doing a range of activities, including:

- Reviewing, approving and monitoring the implementation of the Sense College Strategic Plan.
- Approving the final Sense College Annual Self-Assessment Report (SAR).
- Help guide the college's long-term vision, mission, and strategic goals.
- Monitor progress against key priorities and quality improvement plans.
- Hold leaders to account for performance and outcomes that meet the needs of learners.
- Ensure the college complies with statutory and safeguarding duties.
- Oversee financial health and value for money.
- Review students' progress through visits, reports, and case studies.
- Join one of our sub-committees — either Quality and Curriculum or Safeguarding and Health & Safety — depending on your skills and interests.
- This is a meaningful opportunity to influence the education and support of young disabled people, while developing your own governance experience an

Skills and qualities

This role would suit you if you're:

- Are passionate about Sense's mission to support disabled people with complex needs.
- Understand (or are keen to learn about) good governance and the Nolan Principles of public life.
- Have an interest in education, further education policy, or organisational leadership.
- Are committed to safeguarding and inclusive practice.
- Can dedicate around one day per month to attending meetings, undertaking training, and reviewing key documents.

- Have experience as a trustee, governor, or within education, health, or social care (desirable, but not essential).

What we offer you

As one of our volunteers, you'll get:

- Induction and other relevant training.
- Ongoing training and support to remain compliant and current in your role.
- Reasonable volunteer expenses reimbursed in line with our Volunteer Expenses Policy.
- The sense of fulfilment that comes from making a meaningful difference in the lives of disabled people with complex needs.
- A great way to develop new skills and share your existing skills.
- A reference to support future applications for paid or voluntary roles.
- Support from our Mental Health First Aiders, should you need it.

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