



## **Job Description:**

# **Director of the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change**

## **Background and Overview**

The UK Health Alliance on Climate Change brings together Britain's leading health institutions, representing over 650,000 health professionals, to advocate for responses to climate change that protect and promote health.

The Alliance includes many of the Medical and Nursing Royal Colleges, the Royal Society of Medicine, the British Medical Association, the Lancet, the Faculty of Public Health, the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare, and the BMJ. Representing these groups, the Alliance communicates the relationship between health and climate change to government, the public and other health professionals. Climate change is the greatest health threat of the 21st century; our vision is that the threats to planetary health from climate change are minimised in a way that maximises potential benefits to health.

To help achieve this, the Alliance is seeking applications for a dynamic, motivated, and professional Director with excellent policy, project management, and interpersonal skills, experience in strategic communications and advocacy, and a track record of building consensus and support on issues in public health.

## **Role of the Director**

The Director will be responsible for the Alliance's overall strategy, oversight of the communications, policy and public affairs programmes, and liaison with Alliance members and key external stakeholders. They will manage the Communications Manager and potentially other staff and work closely with the Alliance's Executive and Chair, reporting directly to the Council, comprising senior officers from each of the Alliance's members. Their role will place them at the heart of the advocacy and engagement efforts on public health and climate change, working alongside senior officers and the communications and public affairs teams from the Medical and Nursing Royal Colleges, Faculties and Societies, leading medical journals, and the British Medical Association.

The Alliance is hosted by BMJ, which provides services like finance and human resources.

The role of director requires a dynamic and independent professional, capable of coordinating strategy across complex issues, managing projects under pressure, and working with senior health professionals.



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## Specific responsibilities:

- Develop and deliver the strategy for the Alliance, coordinate the Alliance's policy, public affairs, and communications work to government, the media and the health profession
- Manage the Alliance's secretariat and its engagement with the public affairs, policy, and communications staff of the Alliance Members
- Have overall responsibility for project management of Alliance activities
- Represent the Alliance to the media and external organisations, supporting the secretariat in developing an effective network of stakeholders to help implement the Alliance's work
- Further strengthen the Alliance by building its membership through the recruitment of new professional bodies, managing external fundraising, and enhancing coordination among existing members
- Work with Alliance Members and the secretariat to develop and agree policy positions on key issues related to public health and climate change
- Report directly to the Alliance's Executive and Council, including the monitoring and evaluation of the Alliance's impact, and manage its governance, financial, legal and administrative responsibilities
- Build and manage relationships with external stakeholders, including senior government representatives and the Alliance's international partners

## An ideal applicant will have:

- Degree level qualifications in public health, healthcare, climate change, public policy, management, or a relevant post-graduate degree
- Demonstrable experience working on public health and/or climate change policy issues
- A strong technical understanding of, and interest in, the relationship between public health and climate change; have demonstrated a passion for driving a stronger response to climate change that protects and promotes public health in the UK and around the world
- Experience of fundraising and developing fundraising and financial plans for small organisations
- Experience of supporting the delivery of policy, public affairs and communications strategies
- Experience of building and managing networks and alliances of organisations and individuals
- Significant project and staff management experience, the capability to lead the organisation, and the ability to deliver complex projects to deadlines. They must be prepared to assist outside of office hours where necessary, to meet project requirements
- Excellent editorial and writing skills, and be capable of producing regular written content, including policy reports and opinion pieces, and public speaking experience
- Results-orientated, with ability to work to tight deadlines and adapt to changing situations



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## To apply:

Please contact Nicky Philpott [nicky.philpott@ukhealthalliance.org](mailto:nicky.philpott@ukhealthalliance.org) with the subject line 'Application for director' by **Thursday 25 February at 17.00**, with your CV and a cover letter of no more than two pages, detailing your interest and experience in relation to the job description. Short-listed applicants will be subsequently contacted for an interview, which will be conducted on Friday 5 March.

**Preferred Commencement:** As soon as possible

**Location:** BMA House, Tavistock Square, Central London/remote work at present

**Duration:** This role is for 12 months to replace the director who will be seconded to the NHS. The successful candidate might be seconded from another organisation.

**Salary range:** Between £50 - £60 000 depending on experience, pro rata if part time. The Alliance is willing to consider flexible or part time working and a job share.