



Board Champion Role

Main purpose

To provide a focus at Board and Sub-Committee level in a specialist topic. To contribute to the Mission, Value and Objectives of Northwards in this area.

Functions

- To take an interest in a specialist topic, have or be prepared to have a greater understanding of the main issues and concerns associated with this element of our work.
- To be aware or be prepared to be aware of best practice and bring knowledge and expertise from outside the organisation.
- To be supported in the above by appropriate officers including attendance at learning events and networks.
- To act as a sounding board, raise items for discussion and debate, and to contribute positively to the decision making process.
- To contribute to the development of strategy and provide visible leadership in the specialist area.
- To attend relevant Boards, Sub-Committee, Area Panel and Forum Group meetings as appropriate.

Induction

- Senior Staff to be informed of the Board Champion initiative and which Board Member is responsible for their area of work.
- Lead officer to contact relevant Board Member to arrange an initial meeting to:
 - Introduce to relevant member(s) of staff and discuss how the operational/strategic relationship will work
 - Share action plans/strategy/future ideas
 - Suggest reading material/websites/other resources
 - Agree any training requirements and subsequently agree how to share future opportunities for training and networking
 - Agree the level of input required and communication with staff
- Board Member to report back to September Board Meeting progress and review of the role.