

Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation is seeking to recruit Voluntary Board Members

Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation (MRHF) was born out of an identified need for Palliative Care Services in Mayo and Roscommon in 1993. It has grown from a small organisation of one doctor and one nurse to a team of over thirty professionals and the first in the country to provide a seven-day Palliative Care Service, looking after over 18,000 patients in that time. MRHF fund, provide, develop, and support Palliative Care Services in partnership with the Health Service Executive (HSE) for people living with life limiting illnesses and their families in County Mayo and County Roscommon. In 2021, the Mayo Hospice opened to patients, and the Roscommon Hospice opened in February 2023. The vision of MRHF is that everyone who is in need of Palliative Care Services can access them for themselves and their loved ones, when they need it and where they want it.

Responsibilities of a Charity Board Member:

- Comply with the Charity's governing document
- Ensure the Charity is complying with its charitable purpose for the public benefit
- Act in the best interest of the Charity
- Act with reasonable care and skill
- Manage the assets of the Charity

The Board is collectively responsible for the governance, oversight and compliance of MRHF with its legal and regulatory obligations.

Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation is now seeking to appoint three new Board Directors with skills, perspectives, and experience to complement those of current Board members and expand the Board's capacity and capability to meet opportunities and challenges ahead. Please note, these are voluntary, unpaid positions. These are new roles on the Board as a result of required succession planning, and the requirement for additional skills to support the execution of the Foundations Strategy.

The Board maintains an overview of policy and the strategic direction of Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation, rather than being involved in the day-to-day operations. An initial priority for the new board members will be to add knowledgeable voices to the strategic discussions currently taking place around the foundations strategy out to 2026 and beyond.

We are seeking applications from individuals with experience and skills in the following areas:

- HR
- Advocacy
- Legal

Previous Director experience would be a distinct advantage along with knowledge of the charity sector.

Applicants must have a genuine interest in the development of Hospice and Palliative Care Services in Counties Mayo & Roscommon, be willing to participate in appropriate training and or development programmes , along with regular board meetings, which take place outside normal working hours. The role is voluntary and is not remunerated.

The Application Process: please send a CV and or a cover letter to martina@hospice.ie by April 20th 2023 with the subject line "Board Member Application".

Your cover letter should include: your motivation for applying and any relevant additional skills/experience that you could bring to the board (e.g., advocacy, strategic planning, project management, administrative, leadership, etc.).

Useful Documents: [MR Hospice Foundation Strategy 2022 2026.pdf](#)