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Legal Trustee Role Specification

The Organisation:

Muscular Dystrophy Ireland (MDI) aims to provide information and support to people with neuromuscular conditions and their families through a range of support services. Our objective is to promote, through practical empowerment, independent living for people with the condition muscular dystrophy. MDI supports advocating for services to enable people with neuromuscular conditions to fully participate in society and to live a life of their own choosing. MDI also aims to support and fund research into neuromuscular conditions.

Our Values:

Respect and Empathy – We seek to build relationships based on respect and empathy

Transparency and Integrity – We carry out all our work to the highest standards, underpinned by honesty, accountability and consistency.

Equality and Fairness - We are committed to equality and fairness and to ensuring the right equal access to services based on the needs of the individual.

Inclusiveness – We strive to be inclusive, valuing and respectful of diversity.

Personal Empowerment – We believe personal empowerment is about being able to make choices and having a voice.

The Role:

MDI are seeking a non-executive director/trustee with a Legal background. If you have experience in this area and want to play a role in helping MDI we are keen to hear from you. Responsibilities will include the following:

1. Acting as Legal Counsel, assisting the Board with legal aspects of the organisation and adherence to best practice.
2. Legal experience from either the private or public sector.
3. Legal experience of the charity sector would be an advantage.
4. Application of commercial and/or governance experience.
5. Understanding of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of trusteeship.
6. Understanding of data protection legislation and changing regulations.
7. Understanding of fundraising and charity legislation.
8. Experience in a leadership role.

Desirable Skills:

A Qualified Solicitor or Barrister with at least 5 years' experience. Expertise in areas such as Family Law, Employment Law, Disability, or related Human Rights issues.

Board Meetings:

There will be up to 12 board meetings (usually held at 4.30 pm) and up to 4 sub-committee meetings a year. Meetings are held in MDI Head Office, 75 Lucan Road, Chapelizod, Dublin D20 DR77.