

Medact - AGM 2015

Elections to the Board of Trustees

Hugh Grant-Peterkin

Proposed by: Sridhar Venkatapuram

Seconded by: Frank Boulton

Hugh is a Registrar in Adult & Older Adult Psychiatry in the East London NHS Foundation Trust. He is a member of the Management Committee of Medical Justice and the Representative for Higher Trainees in Psychiatry in City & Hackney. He has a first class degree in Healthcare Ethics & Law and has published in The British Journal of Psychiatry and Medicine Science and the Law on the subject of Capacity in psychiatric in-patients.

Hugh has a particular interest in healthcare in Immigration Removal Centres and recently published a BMJ Editorial on this topic. He has been a member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists Working Group on Mental Health of Asylum Seekers since 2012. Hugh has an interest in global mental health and was a visiting lecturer at the University of Harare in 2011. He is also a great believer in stepping off the medical treadmill and took a two year career break to train in physical/devised theatre. He has since given workshops on 'clowning & playfulness for psychiatrists'

Hugh is also a keen actor and has performed at Southbank Centre, Battersea Arts Centre & Underbelly in Edinburgh where was nominated in 2013 Edinburgh Festival The Stage Acting awards.

Elizabeth Forrester

Proposed by: Ruth Stern

Seconded by: Frank Boulton

Elizabeth is a Trainee solicitor at Birnberg Peirce - a legal aid and civil rights law firm working which represents those who are most disadvantaged within society, helping them to defend their rights when faced with criminal charges. Her particular focus is on SIAC and TPIM cases, legal procedures involving secret evidence heard by the courts in closed proceedings. Many of the clients she works with are often victims of torture, challenging their return to a place where further torture is likely.

Before becoming a Trainee solicitor, Elizabeth completed various placements with human rights organisations, both in the UK and abroad. This included: the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia; the Independent Jamaica Council for Human Rights; National Centre for Domestic Violence (NCDV); and the Free Representation Unit (FRU).

Outside of her professional role at Birnberg Pearce, Elizabeth is involved in the campaign against legal aid cuts. Elizabeth is also a member of the Human Rights Lawyers Association and Young Legal Aid Lawyers, and an elected member of the Executive of the Haldane Society.

Elizabeth is a keen folk musician, and is a trustee of the Trad Academy; a newly established CIC providing accessible folk music and dance classes in East London.