**Brain and Spine Foundation Clinical Advisory Group**

**Purpose of the group**

Our goal is to assemble a group of experienced professionals specialising in the treatment and support of individuals with neurological disorders. This group will serve as a valuable resource for our charity, offering guidance at both strategic and operational levels.

Involving experts from various fields, this multidisciplinary panel will offer invaluable clinical perspectives regarding the needs of individuals with neurological conditions. Additionally, you will offer advice on advancements in neurological care services and systems. Your expertise will play a crucial role in evaluating how our charity's current and future initiatives are likely to affect our community and in helping to realise our Vision, Mission and Purpose

* **Vision** – A world where people affected by neurological conditions are recognised, respected and can flourish.
* **Mission** – Transform the daily reality of each person affected by any neurological condition, anywhere in the UK: through frontline professional services, innovative social research, and bold campaigning for change.
* **Purpose** – Build a powerful community of people affected by neurological conditions and support them to take action and be an authoritative voice for change.

**Structure**

Our Clinical Advisory Group will provide clinical expertise, direction, subject knowledge and insight to all of our professional services work. Members of the group will receive requests to advise the BSF in an ad hoc manner, on requests relating to their specific area of expertise, as well as being part of a vibrant virtual community of clinicians.

As well as neurologists and neurosurgeons, the group aims to include nurses, social workers, dietitians, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech and language therapists, clinical psychologists and neuro psychologists, GPs and other members of the multidisciplinary team. Clinicians will be drawn from across the 4 UK nations, ensuring we can call on country-specific expertise to tailor our work accordingly when working in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**Key Activities**

The key activities of the Clinical Advisory Group are to:

* Assisting the Brain and Spine Foundation Services team in producing the organisation’s health information and the delivery of our Peer Support groups and the Helpline by providing high quality, up-to-date and accurate clinical guidance
* Supporting the Foundation’s Communications output by providing clinical advice, reinforcement and, where appropriate, liaison with the media
* Supporting the Foundation when responding to Government, NICE and other consultations
* Inputting into our plans to influence others and helping us be more vocal regarding the NHS

**Relationship to charity governance**

The Clinical Advisory Panel operates independently from the formal governance structure of the organisation, ensuring its ability to provide impartial and unbiased feedback. Incoming members will undergo an induction related to the charity and will be asked to sign a volunteer agreement in alignment with our Volunteers policy.