This Candidate Statement and your photograph will be published on the Cochrane Community website if you are appointed. Please submit it in Word format by the stated deadline.

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| Family name (surname):  |  |
| First name(s):  |  |
| Today’s date:  |  |
| Your current country of residence: |  |

You may expand the boxes when providing answers to the questions below, but keep your answers short and to the point.

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| 1. Why do you want to become Treasurer on Cochrane’s Governing Board and what would make you effective?
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| 1. What experience do you have serving as a Treasurer or trustee, or on a board of directors or similar?
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| 1. What experience do you have in financial management and accounting? Explain whether this experience has been in the UK or another country.
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| 1. What other skills and experience would you bring to the Board?
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| 1. Is there anything else you would like to say in support of your application?
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Declarations:

To be eligible to stand for election, candidates must confirm the following by putting a ‘tick’ (✓) or their initials in the boxes below:

I hereby confirm that I:

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| 1. Have read the following guidance produced by the [National Council for Voluntary Organisations](https://www.ncvo.org.uk/accessible-guides) in the UK:
* What is a charity
* What is a charity trustee
* What trustees must do
* How trustees look after the charity
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| 1. Accept the [Governing Board Charter](https://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/governing-board/governing-board-charter)
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| 1. Accept and will adhere to the [Code of Conduct for Trustees](https://community.cochrane.org/organizational-info/people/governing-board/membership/code-conduct-trustees)
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| 1. Have completed the Declaration of Interests Statement (Annex 1 of this document) and, should I be appointed, am willing to relinquish any interests with commercial companies with a direct interest in the findings of Cochrane Reviews, such as pharmaceutical companies or device manufacturers
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| 1. Have completed the ‘Trustee Eligibility Declaration’ required by the [UK Charity Commission for all Trustees](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3) (Annex 2 of this document)
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|  NAME: |
| DATE:  |

Annex 1: Declaration of Interests Statement

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| 1. **Do you have now, or have you had in the last three years, any interests with a commercial company with a direct interest in the findings of Cochrane Reviews, such as pharmaceutical companies or medical device manufacturers?**

Potential interests would include, but may not be limited to: paid or honorary positions; directorships or trusteeships; grants, funding or consultancies; honoraria or other one-time payments (such as speaking fees); shares, stock options, patents; personal gifts; outstanding loans; royalty payments. | **Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)** |
| 1. **Do you have now, or have you had in the last three years, any interests with organizations related to healthcare or medical research?**

Potential interests would include, but may not be limited to: paid or honorary positions; editorial roles, directorships or trusteeships; grants, funding or consultancies; honoraria or other one-time payments (such as speaking fees); shares, stock options, patents; personal gifts; outstanding loans; royalty payments. | **Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)** |
| 1. **Do you have shares of more than 20% in another organization, or act as a trustee or director (executive or non-executive)?**
 | **Yes/No (If yes, please provide details)** |
| 1. **Do you or your close family members have any other competing interests that could pose a conflict of interest with your role on the Board?**
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Annex 2: Trustee Eligibility Declaration

*As required by the* [*UK Charity Commission*](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission)

Please tick or initial in the boxes below to confirm the following:

**I declare that I:**

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| Am over 18 years of age and am willing to act as a trustee of The Cochrane Collaboration |  |
| Understand Cochrane’s purposes (objects) and rules set out in its [Articles of Association](https://www.cochrane.org/sites/default/files/public/uploads/cochrane_-_articles_of_association_-_final_and_approved_-_october_2016.pdf) |  |
| Am not prevented from acting as a trustee because I:* Have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences [listed here](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/731084/010818_Disqualification_Reasons_Table_v2.pdf)
* Have an Individual Voluntary Arrangement, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order
* Have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)
* Have been removed from being in the management or control of any organization in Scotland (under relevant legislation)
* Have been disqualified by the Charity Commission
* Am a disqualified company director
* Am a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation
* Am on the sex offenders register or equivalent in any country
* Have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement
* Have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission
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| Will provide true, complete and correct information to the Charity Commission if elected as a Board member |  |
| Understand that it’s an offence under section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information |  |
| Comply with my responsibilities as a trustee that are set out in the [Charity Commission guidance ‘The essential trustee (CC3)’](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3) |  |