

Founded in 1985 The Elm Foundation is a specialist domestic abuse charity based in Chesterfield. Providing services to adults and children affected by domestic abuse. We pride ourselves on delivering high quality, responsive and innovative services. As a charity, the organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees and regulated by the Charity Commission.

The Elm Foundation is affiliated with Women's Aid (the national Domestic Abuse charity) and holds the SafeLives Leading Lights accreditation: the mark of quality for domestic abuse services. The Elm Foundation is committed to ending violence against women and girls and over the last year has supported 2480 victims to be safer in our communities.

With our new strategy launching in 2025, this is an exciting time to join. We aim to meet the evolving needs of the domestic abuse sector, leveraging our influence and attracting diverse funders and delivering high quality services.

We seek a passionate and committed Chair to lead our Board of skilled Trustees, all dedicated to supporting women and girls who have experience of domestic abuse.

We are particularly interested in candidates with experience of operating as a Chair, strong leadership skills and the ability to drive governance, strategic planning and stakeholder engagement.

The Elm Foundation takes its commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion seriously, recognising the value that this adds to our success. The Elm Foundation reaps the benefits of having a diverse board and welcomes applications from people of all backgrounds and life experiences.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act. Posts will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and open to women only (Genuine Occupational Requirement (GOR), Schedule 9 (Work; Exceptions), Part 1 (Occupational Requirements), of the Equality Act (2010) applies). The appointment will be made on the understanding that a satisfactory 3-month probationary period will be completed by the applicant and that acceptable references will be received by CWA.

Applicants are welcome to contact the Chief Executive Officer for more information at Jennifer.calverley@theelmfoundation.org.uk

Application forms should be completed and returned to the Chief Executive Officer at the above email address.