

**British Association of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/Myalgic Encephalomyelitis
(BACME)**

Would you like to get involved in shaping the future of NHS Services for people with CFS/ME?

What is BACME?

The British Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome/ME (BACME) is a multidisciplinary organisation which exists to promote and support the delivery of evidenced based treatment for children, young people and adults with CFS/ME throughout the UK.

How can our organisation get involved?

BACME has places for four representatives of patient / carers organisations on the Executive Committee of the national group. The group meets twice a year to discuss national issues but there are also ongoing programmes of work into which you could contribute representative views of people with the condition. Patient / carer organisation executive members are appointed for a two year term, which may be extended to three years.

Who can get involved?

We are looking for organisations that have influence at a national level and can consult with and represent a large number of members. This will mean that your organisation already has an understanding of the challenges facing NHS services and will have experience of contributing from a patient or carer perspective in a multi-professional environment. A consistent representative for your organisation will need to be able to travel to attend meetings that are held twice a year.

How do I apply?

Any organisation interested in joining the BACME Executive will need to fill in an application form. A selection process will then be undertaken by a group of members of the Executive to select appropriate applicants.

BACME Application for Patient / Carer Organisation Executive Membership

Name of Organisation / Charity:

Contact Person:

Contact address:

Telephone number:

E-mail:

Previous experience of working with healthcare services and other organisations:

Please give examples of how your organisation consults with its members and how you would ensure that your contributions to BACME would be representative of your membership.

Any other information you wish us to consider relating to your organisation's ability to fulfil this role:

Reasons why your organisation would like to be an Executive Member for BACME

I confirm that our organisation supports the constitution of BACME and wishes to participate as an Executive Member.

Signed by:

Date:

Role in the Organisation: