

Standards Committee - FAQ

What do we do?

The Standards committee plays an important role in overseeing the PASA Standards process. The key functions we perform are:

- Ensuring the PASA Standards remain current
- Undertaking a formal review of the Standards not less than biennially, taking note of feedback from the Accreditation activity, and industry best practice
- Preparing examples of good practice for the use of members

In all these areas the committee is charged with ensuring the standards have due regard to the different types of UK pension scheme.

What are our principle achievements?

- We launched the PASA Standards in 2012, following extensive industry feedback
- We launched an error management consultation exercise in 2014, which is under review to produce guidelines for administration providers
- We formed a GMP workgroup in 2015 to deliver guidance on the GMP reconciliation activity
- We developed and strengthened the data standard in 2016
- We carried out the first full standards review in 2016

What are our current areas of focus and plans for the future?

We will be looking to develop Guidance precedent documents for the standards to assist administrators in seeking accreditation. We will also evaluate how the standards can be deployed in different types of administration delivery and remain consistent

Who are the current members of the Standards & Accreditation Committee?

Our current members are Kim McCormick (Chair), Gary Evans, Donna McGuire, Louise Cunningham, Denise Lucas, Elaine Emptage and Paul Blackmur.

How often do the Committee meet?

The committee aims to meet at least quarterly, not all meetings are face to face

How much time is a Committee member expected to dedicate to the role?

Attendance at quarterly meetings and most likely in the region of ½ day a month on committee business/research

I'm not based in London. Does this prevent me from joining the Committee?

PASA welcomes contribution from across the UK as it adds to the dynamic of the committee and makes it more representative of UK administration. Whilst meetings tend to take place in where it is easiest for the majority to meet face to face, we do make use of technology where F2F is not possible

What kind of experience / type of committee member are you looking for?

We are looking for people who have a clear understanding of administration, but do not have to be current practitioners. Clear thinkers who can deliver are vital to the success of the committee

I am keen to join the Standards Committee, how do I go forward from here?

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