

ASAIMH Advisory Committee – Expression of Interest

7th October 2026

Invitation

The Australasian Society for Artificial Intelligence in Mental Health Ltd (ASAIMH) invites expressions of interest from suitably experienced people to join its inaugural Advisory Committee for a twelve-month term.

AI tools are entering mental health care quickly, from clinical decision support and documentation to chatbots used directly by the public. ASAIMH's directors need timely, independent and evidence-informed advice to set the Society's positions on these developments. The Advisory Committee will provide that advice.

Purpose and objectives

The Advisory Committee exists to inform the company directors of ASAIMH on policy positions and on the current research and evidence base for AI applications in mental health. Its advice will consider impacts on both practising clinicians and the general public.

The Committee's standing objectives are to:

1. **Inform policy positions.** Advise directors on emerging legislation, regulation, professional standards and government consultations relevant to AI in mental health across Australia and New Zealand, and recommend positions for the Society to adopt.
2. **Synthesise the evidence base.** Monitor and summarise current research on the safety, effectiveness, equity and limitations of AI applications in mental health, and flag where evidence is strong, emerging or absent.
3. **Represent clinician impacts.** Identify how AI tools affect clinical practice, including scope of practice, clinical governance, documentation, liability, workforce and training needs.
4. **Represent public impacts.** Identify risks and benefits for consumers, carers and the general public, including privacy, informed consent, safety of direct-to-consumer tools, and access for priority and underserved populations.
5. **Uphold ethical practice.** Advise on ethical principles, lived-experience perspectives and cultural safety, including for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Māori communities.

The Committee is advisory only. Decision-making authority remains with the ASAIMH Board.

Composition and term

The Committee will have a minimum of five and a maximum of seven members, including a Chair appointed by the Board.

- **Term:** twelve months from the date of appointment.
- **Chair:** appointed by the Board from among the members, or nominated by members for Board approval.
- **Balance:** the Board will aim for a mix of disciplines, sectors, lived experience and geography across Australia and New Zealand.
- **Meetings:** at least six meetings over the term (roughly every two months), held online, with additional working sessions for specific deliverables as needed.
- **Remuneration:** honorary (unpaid) positions; reasonable pre-approved expenses may be reimbursed.

Twelve-month objectives and deliverables

By the end of the term, the Committee will deliver the following to the Board.

Objective	Deliverable
Establish ways of working	Agreed work plan, meeting schedule and conflict of interest register
Evidence base	Evidence brief summarising current research on AI applications in mental health, with gaps and risks
Ethics submission	At least one ethics submission or ethical framework position paper for Board endorsement (e.g. principles for safe and ethical use of AI in mental health)
Industry and government responses	Draft responses to relevant industry, regulatory and government consultations as they arise (e.g. AI safety, digital health, software as a medical device)
Clinician guidance	Draft position statement or practical guidance for practising clinicians using AI tools
Public guidance	Plain-language guidance for the general public on using AI mental health tools safely
Horizon scan	Briefing on emerging technologies, risks and opportunities, with recommended policy priorities for the following year
Term review	End-of-term report on outcomes, lessons and recommendations on the Committee's future

The Board may adjust these priorities during the term in response to emerging issues or consultation deadlines.

Governance and reporting

The Chair will report to the ASAIMH Board quarterly, in writing and in attendance at the relevant Board meeting where invited.

Each quarterly report will cover:

- progress against the twelve-month deliverables
- policy, regulatory and research developments the Board should know about
- recommended positions or actions requiring a Board decision
- risks, emerging issues and upcoming consultation deadlines
- member attendance and contribution

The Committee will operate under terms of reference approved by the Board. No member may speak publicly on behalf of ASAIMH, or lodge a submission in its name, without Board approval.

Pathway to the Board

After twelve months, Advisory Committee members may be considered for elevation to a position on the ASAIMH Board, based on their engagement and contribution during the term.

The Board will consider:

- attendance and active participation in meetings and working sessions
- substantive contribution to Committee deliverables
- demonstrated alignment with ASAIMH's purpose and values
- the skills and diversity needs of the Board at that time

Elevation is not automatic and is subject to Board vacancies, the ASAIMH constitution and any applicable director eligibility requirements under the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). Members may also be invited to serve a further term on the Committee.

Who should apply

We welcome applications from people with expertise or experience in one or more of the following areas:

- clinical mental health practice (e.g. psychology, psychiatry, mental health nursing, social work, counselling, general practice)
- research in AI, digital mental health or health informatics
- health policy, regulation, law or ethics
- technology and industry, including AI product development
- lived experience of mental ill-health, as a consumer or carer
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or Māori health and cultural safety

Applicants will be assessed on:

1. relevant expertise and track record
2. understanding of the opportunities and risks of AI in mental health
3. capacity to contribute to policy submissions and evidence synthesis
4. ability to commit the time required
5. contribution to the overall balance and diversity of the Committee

Member commitments

Members should expect to contribute around two to four hours per month, with more during submission periods.

Members will be expected to:

- attend at least 75% of scheduled meetings
- prepare for meetings and contribute to at least one deliverable
- declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest, including commercial interests in AI products, at appointment and as they arise
- keep Committee and Board deliberations confidential
- act in good faith and in the interests of ASAIMH's purpose

How to apply

Please submit the following to Dr David Camfield, Managing Director ASAIMH Ltd.

david.camfield@aimentalhealth.org.au by 30th October 2026:

1. a cover letter (maximum two pages) addressing the selection criteria and stating which objectives you could contribute to
2. a current CV (maximum three pages)
3. a declaration of any conflicts of interest

Indicative process:

1. EOIs open: 7th October 2026
2. EOIs close: 30th October 2026
3. Shortlisting and conversations with the Board: Early November 2026
4. Appointments announced: 17th November 2026
5. First Committee meeting: January 2027

For questions about this EOI, please contact david.camfield@aimentalhealth.org.au