



The Relationship between PPEF and Physio First

The Private Physiotherapy Educational Foundation (PPEF) and Physio First are two separate and distinct organisations. PPEF is both a registered charity and a company and Physio First is a membership organisation and trade association for self-employed physiotherapists working in private practice.

PPEF was formed following a bequest from the late Kenneth Balfour who left a generous financial legacy to Physio First (known as OCPPP until 2014); with which a registered charity was established (PPEF) with charitable objects approved by Kenneth Balfour's executors.

The two organisations each have complementary strategic aims:

- Help physiotherapy make a difference - (PPEF)
- Champion evidence based cost effective private physiotherapy in the changing healthcare marketplace - (Physio First)

PPEF regularly sponsors a number of lectures at the Annual Physio First Conference and both organisations hold their respective Annual General Meetings during the Conference weekend. A nominated Physio First executive member sits on the board of Trustees of PPEF. All members of Physio First are eligible to become members of PPEF.

PPEF Trustees receive applications and award grants to many individuals and organisations, in line with its charitable objects; Physio First regularly applies to the PPEF Trustees for such awards. In 2017 PPEF agreed to standardise its support in advance for the Physio First Annual Conference, for a trial period of three years.

PPEF Trustees are invited by Physio First to attend their Annual Conference to:

- promote the educational opportunities available for Physio First members;
- showcase activities that have been funded during the previous year; and
- disseminate results of research that has been supported by PPEF.

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