

Claire Small: Election Statement

Council of The Chartered Society of Physiotherapists (CSP)

We are an amazing profession; we are privileged that the work we do makes real differences to people's lives, allowing them to do the things that matter to them. But not enough people know this - in healthcare, amongst the public or in government. That is why I am standing for Council. To help the CSP and its members demonstrate their value, and in doing so ensure we are adequately recognised and remunerated for our work, As both a trade union and professional body, I believe the CSP is perfectly placed to advocate for the essential role our profession plays in delivering great care across all sectors of the profession, and at the same time ensuring that the standards of that care remain exceptional.

Originally from Australia, I have been a private practitioner in London for 30 years, 20 of those as the Founder and Chief Clinical Officer of Pure Sports Medicine, a group of 8 multi-disciplinary clinics across London that I built with others from just one clinic in Kensington. This work has allowed me to develop a solid knowledge of Finance, Governance, Professional Development, Risk Management and Strategy that I think can add value to the Council and it's work alongside the Executive Leadership team of the CSP. I have led contract negotiations with insurance companies, corporate groups, and other organisations. Alongside clinical work, I am a postgraduate lecturer on various MSc programmes and co-led the MACP course for membership for many years. I believe that high quality education is essential for the development of our profession.

I have worked with groups like the Faculty of Sport and Exercise Medicine, BASEM and the CSP and the MACP on numerous strategic projects including delivering national and international conferences, developing the MSK Advanced Practice Standards and as a delegate at the Annual Representative Conference and reviewer of the ARC process.

People will tell you I am passionate about our profession, hardworking and willing to speak up and voice my opinion. It would be an honour and a privilege to represent you on the CSP Council.