

Independent Study Steering Group (ISSG): Information for living with dementia expert

We are looking for two enthusiastic *living with dementia experts* to work with us on the **A**cute **S**ystemic and **Ce**Rebrospinal fluid **I**njury and inflammation **B**iomarkers in **E**xacerbation of **D**ementia (ASCRIBED) study. ASCRIBED aims to explore links between inflammation and changes in thinking and memory. We would like our *living with dementia experts* to sit on the Independent Study Steering Group (ISSG). This is a group of independent people who make sure that the study is being run correctly. The role of a *living with dementia expert* is to ensure that the voices of patients, families and carers are a central feature of the study.

Role outline

1. To attend bi-annual meetings in central London
2. To prepare for meetings by reading the agenda papers in advance
3. To contribute to discussions and decision-making during meetings based on experience and knowledge
4. To participate in appropriate training if required
5. To declare any conflict of interest as instructed by the chair
6. To maintain the confidentiality of agenda papers, discussions and decisions made

Payment and expenses

The *living with dementia experts* on the Independent Study Steering Group (ISSG) do so on a volunteer-basis. However, all reasonable expenses for standard class travel in connection with attendance at meetings can be claimed.

Meeting attendance

The ASCRIBED team will ensure that the next meeting is shared well in advance.

For more information

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