

Involvement opportunity to work on a health systems panel

Who for: People with experience of public involvement and some understanding of wider health and social care systems. You might have experience of involvement in research, of helping to improve health services, or in commissioning.

What: People in Health West of England is setting up a new panel to help researchers at CLAHRC West think about public and patient perspectives on projects focused on system wide issues in health and social care, rather than on doing research focused on particular health conditions and treatments. For example, this may include projects to reduce unnecessary investigations or treatments, and projects to improve patient safety. The role is to act as a 'critical friend' and to provide a thoughtful and informed public perspective.

Because this role focuses on health systems panel members would benefit from some understanding of how the NHS works as an organisation and how it connects with other sectors of care. Personal experiences of receiving treatment and care as a patient, service user, family member or carer would also be valuable, as would experience of public involvement.

Working on the panel will mean preparing for and attending meetings in the early evenings about 4-6 times a year. You may also be asked to give feedback on materials by email. You will be offered payment and expenses for the work you do. We want to recruit 6-8 people with a range of perspectives.

When: If you are interested you need to apply by **Thursday 16th February**. Applicants with appropriate experience will be invited to attend an induction and selection session on **Tuesday 28th February from 5.30-7.30 pm** in central Bristol. At this session you will find out more about the role, and we will introduce you to the work of NIHR CLAHRC West and the kind of health research studies we do. We will also work on an example project and issue together. Based on your application and contribution at the induction and selection session, we will choose panel members.

More information: If you are interested in this role, have a look at the role description enclosed and fill in the application form. Please don't be put off by the paperwork, we just need to find out a bit about you. Send in your application form by **Thursday 16th February**.

Send it to:

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Thank you for your interest in our work.

Rosie Davies

Enclosed:

1. Role Profile – Public contributor on health systems panel.
2. Public contributor application form.
3. Expectations for public involvement work with People in Health West of England