**Would you like to help design our region’s stroke prevention and care pathway?**

**The developing Bristol Partnership for the Advancement of Stroke Prevention and Care (Stroke Health Integration Team (HIT)) is looking for people to help design regional services for stroke prevention and care. We are looking for people with direct experience of stroke, either through experiencing stroke themselves or through caring for someone living with the effects of stroke.**

This is an exciting and potentially challenging role, giving the opportunity to make a difference to preventing stroke and improving services for people requiring treatment for stroke and living with the effects of stroke.

**Roles**

We are seeking people to fill a number of roles including:

Attending regular meetings of the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Stroke Project Group. This could be up to six times per year. Meetings are held in Bristol.

Attending Citizens’ Assembly Group meetings in order to bring views from the wider group to the Stroke Project Group. This could be up to six times per year. Meetings are held in Bristol.

Working with sub groups on specific topics, particularly stroke prevention, acute (emergency and hospital-based) stroke care, rehabilitation and community care and support.

Time requirements will vary but we would expect the representatives attending the Stroke Project Group meetings to also attend the Citizens’ Assembly Group. Roles can be shared between more than one individual.

**Role requirements**

The only essential requirements for this role are a desire to reduce the impact of stroke on people’s lives and direct experience of the effects of stroke. People attending the Stroke Project Group will also need to be willing to speak out in a forum of senior clinicians and managers.

Any experience of working with managers, designing services of any kind, and familiarity with the workings of the NHS would be an advantage but are not essential. You will be expected to read and review documents in advance of meetings.

**Payment**

Payment for this role will be at the hourly rate of £20.57 plus reasonable travel expenses. We can pay for a support worker or carer if required.

**Application process**

If you are interested there is a very simple application process. Please answer the questions on the attached form and return to Mike Bell **(see box below)**

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We may ask you to an informal interview to talk to us about why you want to take on the role.

**N.B. Closing date for applications is Tuesday 16 August 2016**

**Please answer the questions below and return to Mike Bell**

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| 1. What experience of stroke services do you have, for example have you had a stroke or looked after someone who has had a stroke? |
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| 1. Why do you want to be involved in the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Stroke Project Group? |
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| 1. How do you think you could use your own experiences and those of other stroke survivors, carers and others who have been affected by stroke to help us to design stroke services in this region? |
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| 1. If you have a particular preference for one of the three Stroke Project Group Working Groups, please indicate this below: |

Prevention | Acute/emergency care | Rehabilitation & life after stroke