

## Would you like to be a public representative for your local community?

We are looking for public representatives who are able to speak on behalf of their local community and who are motivated to improve health and wellbeing services. They may have a specific experience or knowledge of the health, social care or voluntary sector gained through use of services, their own work history, or interests. However, their contribution is to provide a broad perspective of local health and wellbeing services and hold the statutory and voluntary sector organisations to account in how they listen to the public voice. The role focuses on local services, and therefore representatives will need to be passionate about their local community.

This role is at Place Alliance level.

'Place Alliances' involve commissioners, community services, local authorities, primary care, the voluntary and community sector, and the public working together to meet the needs of local people.

All Place Alliances focus on supporting people to stay well for longer through a consistent set of work areas which include identifying people who are frail, preventing falls, supporting residents of care homes, supporting people with a wide range of social, emotional and practice needs through Social Prescribing initiatives, and also ensuring end of life care is provided in a place of people's choice, with dignity and support. In addition Place Alliances consider the wider determinants of our health, such as where we are born, grow up, live and work, and how these combine to affect our wellbeing.

There are 8 Place Alliances in Derbyshire, and each meets regularly (monthly/bi-monthly).

**We are currently recruiting for public representation in two Places:**

- 1. NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE and BOLSOVER**
- 2. DERBYSHIRE DALES**

If you are a resident of either of these Places and are interested in the role of Public Representative, please read the information below, and follow the instructions for expression your interest.

If you're not sure which Place corresponds to your home, you can check by visiting this site – just look at which Place corresponds to the GP practice you are registered with <https://www.derbyandderbyshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/who-we-are/member-practices/>



This is an exciting opportunity that will help ensure the voice of local people is included in the design and delivery of local services, and a fundamental part of our decision making structures.

### Key tasks - Public Representative

- To provide a patient and public perspective to considerations about the development and delivery of health services.
- To read and critique papers and commit to attending meetings to provide a patient and public perspective
- To draw on views and experiences within local groups and networks that you are involved with to support discussions
- To join workshops or events across Derbyshire where participation would support the patient and public voice in decision making

## Key requirements of the role

- Passionate about helping to develop and shape health services across Derbyshire
- Ability to articulate public views from a broad range of perspectives often beyond own personal experience through being an active member of the community in which you live
- Awareness of, and commitment to, equality and diversity considerations
- Awareness of general health and social care issues at a local level
- Understanding and ability to maintain confidentiality
- Ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people on a one to one basis and in a group setting
- Openness and respect for other points of view
- Ability to voice opinions and to contribute to debate
- Flexibility to attend the specified meetings
- Willingness to undertake personal development and training, where required
- Ability to make contact with other patient and community groups as required

## Key tasks and responsibilities - CCG

- To provide lay representative with a clear project brief/outline
- To provide a key contact for the lay representative to work with
- To ensure the lay representative is added to the distribution list so that they are a real and valued member of the project group
- To ensure that the voice of the patient/public is heard at the meeting
- To ensure that any out of pocket expenses, covered by the Travel and Expenses Policy, are paid in a timely manner
- To ensure that lay representative personal details are stored securely and not used for purposes other than those agreed with individuals

## How to express an interest in this role

If you feel that you meet the criteria for Place Public Representative please send an expression of interest to Amy Busby [amy.busby@nhs.net](mailto:amy.busby@nhs.net) stating:

1. Your relevant experience to date
2. What makes you suitable for the role of public representative for your local area
3. Your contact details
4. Which Place you are applying for (North East Derbyshire and Bolsover OR Derbyshire Dales)

You can also contact Amy for more information on 01246 514926.

