

Patient and Public Partner opportunity	
Name of Workstream:	The Joint and Community Commissioning team
How many opportunities are available?	Two +
Who can apply for this role?	We are ideally looking for Patient and Public Partners who have lived experience with health care services. You could be a patient, service user, carer, or member of the public who is a carer for someone with lived experience. We welcome applications from everyone aged 16+, regardless of age or background, including those who have not been involved in something like this before.

## **Description of Workstream**

The Joint and Community Commissioning team is looking for Patient and Public Partners to help inform our work. The team is part of NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board / Joined Up Care Derbyshire and has a broad remit, covering community-based services and services which are jointly commissioned. This includes everything from equipment to vasectomy services, from community audiology to community hospital beds. As a commissioning team, we buy services based on the needs of the community and then monitor the progress of the service. If you want to know more about commissioning, take a look at the Commissioning Cycle here.

### Description of work areas:

We think it is important to get different perspectives and insights on the work that we do, particularly from members of the public who have lived experience. We are looking for Patient and Public Partners to help us with the following areas:

- Community-based services the work that we do is so broad and changeable that we can't be that specific, we would like your help with a range of services that patients receive in the community. By community we mean services that are more specialist than a GP but not as complex as services delivered at an Acute Hospital such as Royal Derby Hospital (RDH) or Chesterfield Royal Hospital (CRH). Such services may be delivered in a community hospital such as Florence Nightingale Community Hospital (FNCH) or certain enhanced GP surgeries. Treatment is usually short-term and focuses on prevention as well as treatment.
- Voluntary Community Social Enterprise (VCSE organisations) infrastructure and signposting to support community group development, mental health forums, sensory support services, and condition-specific support services.
- Social Prescribing Social Prescribing link workers are based in and around GP surgeries and work one-to-one with patients to support their needs in a personalised way, referring the patient to services or activities to improve their quality of life and reduce their need for health services. We do not commission



Social Prescribing, but we do play a strategic role in supporting the service in Derbyshire.

## Key requirements of the role

- You should have lived; related experience or knowledge of the issues being discussed around jointly commissioned and community services.
- To be passionate about helping to develop and shape services across Derbyshire.
- To articulate patient and public and carer views from a broad range of perspectives, sometimes beyond your personal experience.
- To be committed to addressing health inequalities.
- To have an understanding of and commitment to maintaining confidentiality.
- To feel confident communicating effectively with a wide range of people, to voice opinions and contribute to the debate.
- To be open to and respectful of other people's points of view.
- To be willing to undertake personal development and training where appropriate to support understanding of the meeting content and your contribution to discussions.

# Responsibilities and time commitment

There are many things that we may need your help with, some of these things are listed below, please bear in mind that this is not an exhaustive list and there may be other things that we ask you to get involved with. Conversely, there is an opportunity for you to shape the role based on your interests and experience and we do not expect you to take on any responsibilities that you are not comfortable with.

Patient and Public Partners will be required to:

- Attend meetings; to include:
  - Social Prescribing Advisory Group (SPAG) meeting once a month for 2 hours
  - Other meetings as the need arises
- Give feedback and contribute to decision-making processes related to the commissioning of services such as voluntary sector services and community-based services on an ad hoc basis.
- Act as a representative and voice for those with lived experience.
- Share information and messages with the public in a way that the public understands.
- Communicate and liaise with patient networks such as Patient Participation Group (PPG) networks
- Take things forward, for example, if there is a specific campaign.
- Play a role in developing and shaping services.
- Tasks to be specified as the need arises.

Where do meetings take place?	Meetings will take place online through Microsoft Teams and face to face. We currently work mostly online but as we
	recover from the pandemic some face-to-
	face meetings are taking place. If you are



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#### **Additional information**

- A lead contact will be provided to assist with any questions and provide support before, during, and after meetings.
- An induction will be provided, and support sessions will be available.
- Due to the sensitive content of some of the meeting papers, you may be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

### Benefits of the role

- Gain knowledge and experience.
- Support with induction and mini briefings before and after the main meetings to ensure you feel informed, supported, and able to play an active role.
- Networking opportunities with other Patient and Public Partners (we are hoping to recruit at least two) and health and social care staff.
- Play a part in shaping the development of healthcare services.
- Out-of-pocket expenses are reimbursed, such as £5 per remote meeting attended and travel expenses.
- Access to training through the Peer Leadership Programme. See embedded pdf for more information.



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### How do I apply?

If you are interested, please send in a brief Expression of Interest covering the following:

- Why you are interested in the role?
- A bit about yourself
- What you could bring to the role, i.e. your experience, background, skills and knowledge?
- Which area would you be most interested in and why?
- Can you work remotely and face to face?

Please send your Expression of Interest or questions to Sue Higginson, Patient Experience Manager <a href="mailto:sue.higginson@nhs.net">sue.higginson@nhs.net</a>. Sue is happy to have an informal conversation before you apply.

Closing date: Sunday 4th September 2022