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| **Opportunities for Patient and Public Partners – Role Description** | | |
| **Name of Board, Committee, Workstream or group** | | Post COVID Service Review Group |
| **How many opportunities are available?** | | Two |
| **Who can apply for this role?** | | Patient and Public Partners can be patients, service users, carers, or members of the public with relevant lived experience. |
| **Description of Board, Committee or Workstream** | | |
| Two years ago, the Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board (DDICB) looked at how well a new post-covid service was working. This service helps people who are suffering from post-COVID; a condition that has a wide range of symptoms, such as fatigue and shortness of breath, lasting more than 12 weeks after they originally developed COVID.  They found that fewer people were being sent to the service, it was hard to keep staff, and there wasn’t enough money to keep it going the same way. So, they decided to keep the service for another year (2024–2025), but with reduced staffing and budget. This service would now only be led by one team, Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS).  Now, there are new worries about how long the service can keep going, especially because of few referrals, staff leaving and the uncertainty of the contract.  So, some temporary changes have been agreed for this year (April 2025– March 2026), and system partners plan to create a new, long-term plan for the service from April 2026.  To help with this, a team will look at how many people are using the service, what people think about the changes, and what’s happening in other places. This team will include clinicians, managers, finance experts, and people from the public. The aim is to shape how post-COVID support is delivered in the future, making sure services are effective, affordable, and focused on the needs of people who use them.  If you would like to discuss this further then please contact Fiona Bolstridge, by emailing [ddicb.programmemanagement@nhs.net](mailto:ddicb.programmemanagement@nhs.net). | | |
| **What will the role involve?** | | |
| We would like to invite two people from the public, with lived experience of post-COVID, to join a meeting, that we expect to be held monthly during this review. This meeting is for people who help others with post-COVID.  It’s important that, while we look at how the service is working and think about any changes, we also think about how those changes might affect the people who need help.  We would also like your thoughts on the information we give to people who use the service. This could be things like leaflets that explain how to get help, or other information we share with them along the way. | | |
| **Key requirements of the role:** | | |
| * You should have lived, related experience or knowledge of the issues being discussed around post-COVID pathways * To be passionate about helping to develop and shapepost-COVID services across DerbyandDerbyshire * To articulate patient and public 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 and respecting confidentiality * To feel confident communicating effectively with a wide range of people, to voice opinions, and contribute to the debate * To be able to contribute constructively, including taking an active part in discussions and keeping comments within scope of the published agenda (so far as is reasonable) * 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. | | |
| **Time commitment** | | It is anticipated that:   * The meetings are every month. * The meetings last for 1 hour and 30 minutes. * You will need to read papers and information before coming to the meeting which might take up to 30 minutes. * The meetings will be on a weekday (Monday- Friday), between 9-5pm. Other parts of the role could take around 2 hours per month. This might include meeting a member of staff for support, making comments on service documents or attending training. * This means that you may need to help us for up to **4 hours** per month. |
| **Where do meetings take place?** | | Meetings will be via Microsoft Teams.  You will be given help if you have never used Microsoft Teams before. |
| **Additional information:** | | |
| * You will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses. * You will be provided with a lead contact to assist with any questions and provide support before, during, and after meetings. * You will receive an induction and support sessions will be available. * You will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement due to the sensitive content of the meeting papers. | | |
| **How do I apply?** | | |
| If you are interested, please send in a brief expression of interest covering the following:   * Tell us a bit about yourself? * What interests you about this role? * What would you bring to the role? i.e. your experience, background, skills, and knowledge   Please send your expression of interest to Fiona Bolstridge, Programme Manager, [ddicb.programmemanagement@nhs.net](mailto:ddicb.programmemanagement@nhs.net). | | |
| **Equal opportunities** | | |
| We aim to offer equal opportunities and we are determined to ensure that no one receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, age, disability, religion, belief, sexual orientation, marital status, or race, or is disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable. | | |
| **Closing date:** | **Sunday 29th June 2025** | |