

We are looking to recruit patient and public partners!

WOMEN'S HEALTH GROUP AND INCLUSIVITY GROUP

# Your voice matters!

## Turn your patient experience into patient expertise

### What is a patient and public partner?

They are people who are, or want to be, active in improving people's health and wellbeing and are interested in learning new skills. They will do this by sharing their lived experience e.g. having/or had a health condition, using their experience of healthcare services and what they thought of them, to help shape and improve health services.

They also understand that health and wellbeing is affected by many things (such as housing, employment, education, ethnicity) and so people's experience of health and wellbeing is not equal.

### What are the women's health and the inclusivity group all about?

We know that sometimes women have to attend more than one place to get the care they need, services are not always joined up, and it can be difficult to access care, for example - smear tests and coil fitting may happen in different places, and are paid for by different organisations.

We also know that for different reasons, some groups of people find it even more difficult to get the care they need.

The women's health group and inclusivity group want to look at ways to make it easier for all women, girls and those with a cervix to get the care they need, in the right place, at the right time.

### What does the role involve?

- Attending online meetings
- Occasionally, it may be necessary to meet up in person

### Time commitment: (between 6-9 months)

- Online meeting (1-1.5 hours each month)
- Reading notes before each meeting
- Occasionally respond to email

### What would be expected of me?

- You should have good communication skills and feel comfortable sharing your views
- Offer ideas based on your lived experience
- Be focussed on finding positive solutions that will benefit all patients and users of services
- Help improve the difference in services that are experienced by different groups of people
- Be able to listen to others and be open to, and respectful of other people's points of view
- Be able to maintain confidentiality
- Undertake any training that may be needed

### How do I apply?

If you are interested in this role, please send in a brief (approximately one side of A4) 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:  
Bernie Brown, Public Health Manager -  
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As a thank you for your time, you will be eligible for out of pocket expenses and have a 'named' person to help you with any questions before, during or after meetings. You will also need to sign a confidentiality agreement. [Click here](#) for more detailed information about this opportunity

