

NHS Cancer Programme- Patient & Public Voices (PPV) Partner

The NHS Cancer Programme is recruiting people with experience of cancer, either as a **patient** or an unpaid **carer** for someone that has/had cancer, to join the Patient and Public Voices (PPV) Forum. The PPV Forum brings together people with lived experience of cancer and offers opportunities for them to be involved either as a whole group, or as individuals in key projects and programmes of work within the National Cancer Programme. Through the Forum, we aim to ensure we are consistently listening to the people that have experience of cancer, in the same space as those that are planning and designing future services.

As a PPV Partner, you'll play a critical role in bringing your experience, advice and perspective into the National Cancer Programme. Through this, you will contribute to the design of new national programme systems, policies, and procedures and by doing so, you will be helping us to ensure we are meeting the needs of people. Opportunities to be involved will be interesting and varied and you will have the flexibility to choose areas to engage in that are relevant to your experience of cancer and/or the communities in which you live. We will provide you with the chance to really make a difference to those facing or that may face cancer in the future.

We expect that PPV Partners that apply will be part of their local Cancer Alliance patient engagement group, to be able to bring lived experiences and views into the National Cancer Programme, as well as providing links into wider community groups and ensuring we hear from a diverse range of people. We are striving to create a PPV Forum that reflects our society and the communities we serve.

We would particularly welcome applicants from groups that are currently underrepresented in our PPV Forum. This includes, but isn't limited to:

- People with lived experience of poverty
- Minoritised ethnic communities
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- LGBTQ+ community
- Children and young people and their families/carers
- People with a learning disability and/or their families/carers
- People with dementia and/or their families/carers
- People living with a mental health problem
- People living in rural or coastal communities
- People living with disabilities, including people who are deaf or have hearing loss and people who are blind or visually impaired

The role of the PPV Partner is for two years initially, at which point membership will be reviewed and by mutual agreement may be extended to a maximum term of four years. The time required to undertake this role will vary greatly depending on the areas you choose to be involved with. The minimum expectation is that you will be able to attend a 6 monthly all day Forum meeting, either in person or via Microsoft Teams. For the varied opportunities to engage with projects and programmes, specifics around timings will be shared with you prior to undertaking them. Depending on how you choose to engage, we anticipate a total time commitment of between 8-36 hours a year.

Some of the roles offered to you as part of this position will carry an involvement fee of £75 for half day and £150 for a full day. For people receiving benefits, we will offer support and guidance around this.

Applications close at midnight on 11 October 2023 and interviews will be held between 23 October and 3 November. Please contact Rachel Françoise, Patient & Public Engagement Manager on r.francoise@nhs.net with any questions.

If you require the information in another format, including Easy Read, please contact Rachel on details above.

Please note that we will support reasonable adjustments required for applications and interviews and support with IT is available to successful applicants.