



Independent Mental Health Network – opportunity description

Lived experience reference group for Inner City & East Bristol

Mental health care is changing to become more locally based and influenced. This means that healthcare and mental health support will be developed at a much more community level in the future. It also means that mental health support will become more connected to communities.

Broadmead, Ashley, Easton, Lawrence Hill, Fishponds, Eastville and St George are part of the Inner City and East Bristol 'locality.'¹ This area has over 145,000 residents and is served by 13 GP practices. To ensure that improvements in mental health services meet the needs of the people who live in this area, a new lived experience reference group is being launched for the locality.

The advisory group will support the development of new mental health support, and develop solutions to problems that currently exist. The group will link with health commissioners, giving it the opportunity to directly influence the services that are available in the area. Equally, the group will ensure that services, providers, and commissioners are accountable to the people who live in the locality – particularly those from the locality's diverse ethnic backgrounds, and people who are often under-represented in mental health services.

About the role

- The reference group will meet twice a month on a weekday evening
- You will be paid at a rate of £45 per half-day (3.75 hours) of work on the group.
- The maximum time commitment over the course of a month is anticipated to be 3.75 hours. This will cover your time attending meetings, and preparation/reading time.

¹ Find out more about locality boundaries here: <https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/about-us/our-localities/>



About you

- You must live within the Inner City & East Bristol locality area.²
- You will have lived experience of mental health.
- You will be available to attend the first meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday 31 August.³
- Experience of involvement work is ideal but not required.

How to apply

If you are interested in this role, please click this link and complete the application form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IMHN-MH-Lived-Experience-Opportunities>.

Make sure you select the 'Inner City & East Bristol Lived Experience Reference Group' option.

The closing date for applications is Friday 27 August at 12pm.

More information

- For guidance about completing your application, click here: <https://www.imhn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Application-guidance-IMHN-Lived-Experience-Representatives.pdf>
- For guidance about lived experience representatives and what they do, click here: <https://www.imhn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lived-Experience-Representative-Core-Role-Description.pdf>

If you have any questions, please email engagement@imhn.org.

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³ Exact time to be confirmed