



Independent Mental Health Network

‘Weston, Worle and Villages’ locality - lived experience reference group

Mental health services are becoming 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.

‘Weston, Worle and Villages’ is the name of one of the localities that will come to exist amidst the wider local health system. This locality covers the lower part of North Somerset. ¹ To ensure that improvements to mental health services meet the needs of the people who live in this area, the Independent Mental Health Network (IMHN) are looking for six people with lived experience of mental health to join a reference group, which will input into the planning work taking place across the local NHS.

This reference group will represent local people and input into the development of new mental health support available to people locally. This will include supporting the roll-out of the Community Mental Health Framework for adults, in line with the national agenda of creating ‘Integrated Care Systems’ to strengthen inter-organisational relationships and improve the coordination of care in an area.

About the role

- The reference group will meet twice a month. Meetings will be held online ².
- Payment for time will be at a rate of £45 per half-day (3.75 hours). The time commitment is anticipated to be 3.75 hours per month.
- This time will cover your attendance at meetings, and preparation by reading papers/documents etc.
- Induction will be provided.

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

² Subject to a potential gradual move to face-to-face meetings, COVID-19 restrictions/safety permitting

About you

- You must live within the *Weston, Worle and Villages* locality area.³
- You will have lived experience of mental health.
- Experience of lived experience 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 'Weston, Worle and Villages Lived Experience Reference Group' option.

The closing date for applications to this role is Friday 3 September at 9am.

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 general background 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.

³ Check whether you are in this locality by clicking here: <https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/about-us/our-localities/>. If you are unsure, please contact us at engagement@imhn.org.