



Independent Mental Health Network

***South Bristol* locality - lived experience involvement**

Community mental health services are changing to become more locally-run.

'South Bristol' is the name of one of the localities that will come to exist amidst the wider local health system.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 people with lived experience of mental health to join planning meetings and projects, to shape work taking place across the local NHS from the lived experience perspective.**

Lived experience representatives 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,² 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

- Lived experience representatives will join online meetings that are leading development of South Bristol's community mental health model.³
- 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 NHS England have produced a video about this, which you can watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8x-WxYcSBo8>

³ Subject to a potential gradual move to face-to-face meetings, COVID-19 restrictions/safety permitting

About you

- You must live within the *South Bristol* locality area.⁴
- 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 ‘South Bristol locality - lived experience involvement’ option.

Recruitment for lived experience representatives is ongoing, and may close once we have a sufficient number of people have applied.

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.

⁴ 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.