



Independent Mental Health Network

***'Weston, Worle and Villages'* locality - lived experience involvement**

Community mental health services are becoming more locally-based and influenced.

'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 mental health support meets 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 the planning work taking place in the local NHS, to represent the mental health lived experience voice.

This will involve joining NHS planning meetings about different aspects of mental health service improvement for the area. Additionally, there will be a regular reference group for lived experience representatives to discuss the developments.

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 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.

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.