

Expert Associate – Healthy Ambitions



Thank you for finding out more about being an Expert Associate Panel Member.

There is a short application to be an Expert Associate. If you would like to apply please complete this form.

You will need to return it to Angela Ellis by **Thursday 19th August.**

We will then look at these forms. We might then ask you to meet with us. If we do, this meeting will be on **Friday 27th August in Leeds.** This will be a way for us to find out about you and you to learn more about the Panel.



Included with this letter is:

- An information pack about being an Expert Associate Panel Member
- An application form

If you want to talk about being an Expert Associate please contact me on the details below.

We really hope you will apply to join the Panel

Yours



Angela Ellis
Project Manager

Inclusion North

Healthy Ambitions Panel Member – Expert Associate

Information Pack

About Healthy Ambitions



Healthy Ambitions says what everyone in health services can do to make the NHS better.

Everyone who works in health in Yorkshire & Humber has been asked to include the ideas in the Healthy Ambitions plan in their local plans.

There are 10 different parts to the Big Healthy Ambitions plan. They include all the important work that will happen in the region to make health services better and help people stay healthy.

There is a copy of the Healthy Ambitions learning disability plan in this pack.

What the Panel will do



The panel members main job is to make sure that all the parts of the Healthy Ambitions Big Plan include how to make health services better for people with learning disabilities.

There will be 12 Panel Members who will:

- Meet with experts to find out more about the 10 health priorities
- Work as a team to think about how these areas can work better with people with a learning disability



- Create an action plan for each of the health priorities and talk to the working group for each of these things
- Check these things happen

The kind of person we are looking for



We want the Panel Members to represent people from Yorkshire and Humber. They will want to make health services better for people with a learning disability.

We want to make sure that the Panel Members include:

- 4 people with a learning disability
- 4 family carers
- 4 health professionals

These are the skills, knowledge and experience that Panel Members will need to have:

- Know about the health needs of people with a learning disability.
- Have experience of working as part of a health sub-group or Partnership Board
- Feel confident working in a group, with good support
- Be able to challenge others in a positive way
- Be interested in working at making health better for people with a learning disability across Yorkshire & Humber



How it will work

By coming to Panel Meetings

The Panel Members will meet together about every month.



We expect Panel Members to work for about 6 hours a month.

The Panel will get information from a subject expert at a meeting. They will then think about which bits of this subject are important to people with a learning disability in Yorkshire & Humber.



The group will then meet with the people who have the job of looking at this section of Healthy Ambitions. They will help them to plan what they do.

The final thing to do will be to check what each group has done.



The planning meetings will usually happen from 10.30am – 2.30pm on a Thursday. We will work with the group to decide the best place to meet.

The other meetings will be in different places in Yorkshire & Humber.

You will need to be able to come to most of the meetings.

Payment



We will pay you £50 for a full day session or £30 for a half day session.

We can also pay your travel costs and supporter costs.



If you are a professional we can pay your organisation to backfill your job while you are being a Panel Member.

We will need people to be a Panel Member until December 2011.

Example of how the Panel Members will work – Childrens Pathway

The panel will learn about what is important in the Healthy Ambitions Childrens Pathway



The panel will then meet with the people in charge of the Childrens Pathway. They will talk to them about how People with a Learning Disability are included. They will agree what important things need to happen.



They will then check these things happen in a few months time.



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Healthy Ambitions Panel Member – Confirm and Challenge

Application Form

I am applying as a:

Please tick one box

Self Advocate

Family carer

Professional



About You

Your Name:

Address:

Post Code:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:



Tell us here why you would like to be a panel member



Tell us here about the skills or experience you have that will help you do a good job as part of the team:



You can return this form to:



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If you have questions then you can call us
on 0113 2626 409

Please return your form by Thursday 19th August