

The NIHR HSCWRU is seeking four new members to join its Patient & Public Involvement & Engagement Advisory Group (PPIEAG)

Background

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) has launched a new set of 20 Policy Research Units, to ensure that the government and arms-length bodies have the best possible information and evidence available when making policy decisions about health and social care. The units, considered to be an exemplar of good practice in government, will offer advice to policy makers and analysts on the evidence base and options for policy development and will provide both a long-term resource for policy research and a rapid-response service to provide evidence for emerging policy needs.

About the HSCWRU

The **NIHR Health & Social Care Workforce Research Unit (HSCWRU)**, led by *Professor Annette Boaz* has been recommissioned to continue its previous work in addressing workforce challenges for policy makers across health and social care. This new Policy Research Unit (PRU), starting in January 2024, will aid the **Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC)** respond to its workforce research priorities by providing research evidence of the highest quality.

The team consists of HSCWRU researchers and *King's College London* colleagues from the *Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery & Palliative Care*, and *King's Business School*, as well as a team from the *Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)*. Valerie Lipman is the Unit's PPIE group Chair. For more information see: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/hscwru/about>

"In the NIHR, we have a range of ways to make sure that health and care research benefits patients and the public. The NIHR's new Policy Research Units are designed to provide strong evaluation of policy. This helps government and related organisations to be able to act on the latest evidence when making decisions about health and social care that could impact us all"

Professor Lucy Chappell, Chief Scientific Advisor DHSC and Chief Executive of the NIHR

Person Specification:

The Unit's work covers England therefore **applications are only sought from people resident in England.**

You must be interested in contributing to research that explores policy related questions about this vital workforce, which includes social workers, care workers, GPs, community and hospital health professionals.

We are seeking people who bring a range of perspectives, experiences and skills. You may be someone who has considerable experience of using health and/or social care services or caring for someone in that position, or may be active (not in a paid capacity) in an organisation that represents people who use services and are willing to draw on this role. The role would suit individuals who have experience in public roles such as *Healthwatch* or *CQC Experts by Experience*. We are not seeking currently employed health and social care professionals, researchers, or paid members of campaigning/advocacy groups. They are all involved in other parts of the Unit's work.

Duration of the role

The appointment to the HSCWRU PPIE Advisory Group is for a term of five years, 2024 - 2028. The initial appointment will be for one year and then confirmed for the rest of the 5-year term. Members are free to withdraw at any time by written notice to the PPIE Advisory Group Chair.

NIHR Policy Research Unit (PRU) in Health and Social Care Workforce (HSCWRU) Patient & Public Involvement & Engagement (PPIE) ADVISORY GROUP

Role Description

It is expected that Members will

- Have an interest in health and social care workforce issues and support the Unit to undertake good quality, relevant research that produces useful and accessible evidence;
- Contribute fully in all aspects of the Advisory Group's work - including attending at least three meetings per year (online or in central London);
- Contribute to work outside of meetings by email such as reading and commenting on reports and papers as required, advising on research priorities and helping develop research information or other materials from a service user or carer perspective;
- Act as a '*critical friend*' offering advice and sharing ideas on the progress of projects within this NIHR work programme;

- Engage constructively with other members of the group to champion the continuous and active (“*hands on*”) involvement of service users and carers in all aspects of the Unit’s NIHR work programme - ensuring PPIE is threaded throughout activities;
- Help share and disseminate good ideas and practice by communicating the work of other interest groups to the Unit and *vice versa*;
- Be profiled on our website, as this is a public facing role;
- Understand the need to treat some information as confidential.

HSCWRU will provide

- Lunch and refreshments at PPIE Advisory Group meetings;
- Reimbursement for travel (at economical rates) and associated expenses in accordance with the INVOLVE guidelines and KCL expenses policy, following completion of KCL expense forms and provision of receipts - template invoices provided; (*Please note proof of eligibility to work in the UK will be required.*)
- A maximum consultancy fee of £150 (full day rate) will be paid to members attending official PPIE Advisory Group meetings, fees are also paid for other activities;
- Induction and any further learning to enable members to fulfil their PPIE Group role;
- Support from the PPIE Advisory Group Chair, Valerie Lipman, and/or relevant HSCWRU staff.

Application Process

The Unit’s work covers England therefore ***applications are only sought from people resident in England.*** Members will be shortlisted using the application form. Final selection following interview, either face-to-face or by telephone. If you would like to have an initial conversation about the role before making a decision about applying, please email valerie.lipman@kcl.ac.uk to request a telephone call. Our first meeting will be on Wed 24th April, 12.30-3pm.

If you wish to apply, please complete the application form and return it to: ***Valerie Lipman, PRU Patient & Public Involvement and Engagement Chair***, valerie.lipman@kcl.ac.uk