

***Are you interested in representing the views of the public in health research?***

**Call for expressions of interest from public contributors to join the Executive Group of the National Institute for Health Research Manchester Biomedical Research Centre**

**What is the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Manchester Biomedical Research Centre?**

The NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) is a partnership between Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT) and The University of Manchester (UoM).

It brings together city-wide expertise to improve health by accelerating new research discoveries.

1. The Manchester BRC delivery partners are:
  - a. Central Manchester University Hospitals' NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT)
  - b. The Christie Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (The Christie)
  - c. Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (SRFT)
  - d. University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM)
  - e. The University of Manchester

The NIHR Manchester BRC has been awarded £28.5m (April 2017-March 2022), to fund and support research and experimental medicine in the following areas:

- Musculoskeletal conditions
- Hearing health
- Respiratory medicine
- Dermatology
- Cancer Prevention and Early Detection
- Advanced Radiotherapy
- Cancer Precision Medicine

And to support research in the following cross cutting themes:

- Biomarker Platforms
- Informatics and Data Sciences
- Rapid Translation Incubator



Supported by the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre (MAHSC), the BRC will deliver its research goals by applying the following principles:

- **Prevent** disease
- **Predict** disease progression
- **Personalise** treatment pathways
- Empower patients to **Participate** in their healthcare

### **The NIHR Manchester BRC Executive Group**

We are looking for two patient contributors to the BRC Executive Group.

The appointments will be for **a two year period initially**, and the patient contributors will be **full voting members** of the Executive Group. The BRC will work with successful candidates to identify any needs and provide support and training.

### **Role of the NIHR Manchester BRC Executive Group**

The BRC Executive Group is responsible for making decisions relating to the delivery of the BRC objectives. Some of the roles of the group are as follows:

1. To undertake operational monitoring of BRC projects, programmes and research themes
2. To ensure the delivery of the BRC objectives against milestones
3. To agree any major amendments to BRC objectives
4. To ensure adherence to NIHR contractual requirements

The group will be chaired by the NIHR Manchester BRC Director, Professor Ian Bruce. Its other members will include:

- The BRC research theme leads
- The BRC Operations Manager
- The BRC Training Lead
- The BRC Patient Involvement and Patient/Public Engagement Lead
- The BRC Industry Lead
- The BRC Communications Lead
- The Manchester Clinical Research Facility Director
- **Patient and public contributors**



### How you can be involved

We are looking for two enthusiastic and committed members of the public to contribute their views and perspectives as part of the NIHR Manchester BRC Executive Group.

### What will be involved?

1. Attending **monthly** meetings (currently held from 9:30-11am on the first Thursday of each month), either in person or joining by teleconference
2. Reading papers and other documentation between meetings
3. Contributing to the decision making process of the Executive Group

### What's in it for me?

Opportunities to:

- Represent the views of patients and the public within health research decision making
- Influence health research at a senior level
- Gain experience of executive level meetings

A payment of £75 per meeting is available to cover your preparation time and attendance.

Travel expenses will be fully reimbursed.

### Eligibility

We are looking for two members of the public who live in the Greater Manchester area. These individuals will help ensure that the views, experiences and interests of patients, carers, service users or community members inform the strategy and work of the NIHR Manchester BRC Executive Group.

The following experience may help you to get the most out of your membership of this group

- An interest in healthcare or health-related research
- Previous experience of confidently expressing your views in a group situation
- Experience of research and/or NHS Services within Greater Manchester



**Application process**

If you are interested or have questions about this opportunity, please contact Suzanne Parsons: [Suzanne.parsons@cmft.nhs.uk](mailto:Suzanne.parsons@cmft.nhs.uk) or telephone 0161 276 6614. Expressions of interest should contain contact details and a paragraph on why you would like to be a public member of this group by **14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an informal chat to discuss this opportunity, during the week commencing 20th March 2017.

