

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 Clinical Research Facility (CRF)

What is the National Institute for Health Research Manchester Clinical Research Facility (MCRF)?

Greater Manchester (GM) has three successful NIHR funded Clinical Research Facilities (CRFs) which have trialled research discoveries for the first time in humans through experimental medicine. Previously, these CRFs were funded separately. However, now working more closely together, the CRFs have recently been awarded £12.5m by the NIHR to fund:

- Cutting edge research space
- Highly trained staff
- Specialist equipment needed to develop and deliver pioneering new treatments across all three sites in Greater Manchester.

This new award enables the expansion of existing clinical research capacity across Manchester and is hosted by Central Manchester University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CMFT) in partnership with

- The Christie NHS Foundation Trust (The Christie),
- University Hospital of South Manchester NHS Foundation Trust (UHSM) and
- The University of Manchester.

The MCRF is supported by the Manchester Academic Health Science Centre.

The MCRF aims to make research more accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds across Greater Manchester, as well as expanding the volume and types of research undertaken. Manchester CRF (MCRF) will therefore form the UK's largest and most comprehensive CRF.

Clinical Research Facilities at all hospital sites currently:

- Facilitate a total of 6500 visits per year from patients and healthy volunteers in research studies.
- Provide 24 hour, seven-day inpatient and outpatient research services, including those for children and infants
- Provide 50 research beds and 20 outpatient consultation rooms across Greater Manchester.



What is the NIHR Manchester CRF Executive Group?

We are looking for two patient contributors to the MCRF 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 CRF will work with successful candidates to identify any needs and provide support and training.

Role of the NIHR Manchester CRF Executive Group

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

1. Overall management of the Manchester Clinical Research Facility
2. Co-ordination and integration of the three Clinical Research Facilities
3. Ensuring that the MCRF is greater than the sum of its parts.

The group will be chaired by the NIHR Manchester CRF Director, Professor Nick Webb. Its other members will include:

- The MCRF Manager
- CRF medical directors and operational leads from each site
- Public contributors
- Experts in Patients and Public Involvement and Engagement
- Experts in training
- Experts in communications
- Experts in finance

How you can be involved?

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

What will be involved?

1. Attending monthly meetings currently held on the last Tuesday of every month either in person or joining by teleconference
2. Reading board 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 CRF Executive Board.

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 the 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 on 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 March 17th 2017.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an informal chat to discuss this opportunity, on the weeks commencing 20th and 27th March 2017.

