

Older people's healthcare quality

Role Description: Advisory Group Member

We are looking for enthusiastic members from the public to join our Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Advisory Group. Members will work with us on a research project which aims to improve older people's quality of care.

Background

The Dunhill Medical Trust strives to fund the very best of the UK's research into understanding and improving the healthcare of older people. They are working with Picker to explore whether there is a link between older people's quality of care and the education and training of health and social care staff. To do this, we will look at what is already known about training provided to health and social care staff. We will also interview health and social care staff to explore how useful they feel any education and training has been in helping them to provide high quality care to older people.

Purpose of the Advisory Group

Your role as a member of the advisory group will be to work with researchers and others in the group to discuss the questions the research could explore, give feedback on the results, and to consider ways to share the findings from the project with others to make sure people can learn from the findings. The group will include four members of the public as well as researchers from Picker who are conducting the research.

Who can join the Advisory Group?

Any person over the age of 65 is invited to apply to be a member of the group. No previous experience of advising on a research project is required. Please see the Person Specification below for more detail.

What will be expected of me if I join?

- You will be required to attend four group meetings in Oxford, approximately one every three months, and to take part in group discussions. See "Duration of role" below for more information on timings.
- You may be asked to read some documents prior to the meetings. You will be given plenty of notice about meeting dates, and will be sent the documents in advance of the meetings.
- You will be expected to maintain confidentiality. Anything that is discussed in the meetings about the research or is shared by other members should not be discussed outside of the meetings.

Our responsibilities:

- You will have a named researcher from Picker that you can contact if you have any queries.
- Support will be provided by researchers to assist you in your role.

Duration of role

The four meetings will held on approximately the following dates:

1. August 2017
2. Mid-Oct 2017
3. March 2018
4. Mid to end April 2018.

Each meeting will last approximately 1.5 – 2 hours. The project will be completed in April 2018. However, there may be further opportunities to assist with sharing the findings from the project after this date.

Payment and expenses:

Membership of the advisory group is a voluntary role and will not be salaried. However, as a thank you for your time, you will be paid £20 per hour. For meetings, refreshments will be provided and public transport travel or fuel expenses incurred as part of your work will be paid upfront where possible, or reimbursed.

How do I take part?

If you are interested in joining the group, or would like to find out more information, please contact Robyn Cooper (Research Associate at Picker)

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Person Specification

Criteria	Essential attributes	Desirable attributes
Experience		<p>Experience of health or social care.</p> <p>Some experience or ideas of how to share results from the research once it is completed to the general public.</p>
Knowledge	<p>An interest in care for older people.</p> <p>Willing (with guidance) to familiarise yourself with some terminology and research language.</p>	<p>An understanding of the importance of and need for health research.</p>
Skills	<p>Good communication and team-working skills.</p> <p>Comfortable contributing to group discussions.</p>	<p>Comfortable with email contact, including as a means to receive documents to review.</p>
Personal qualities	<p>Over 65 years of age.</p> <p>Willing and able to travel to Oxford for meetings (public transport travel costs will be subsidised).</p>	