# Patient and Public Voice (PPV) Representatives needed in Sheffield

The urgent and emergency care (UEC) system is everything from GP out of hours to walk-in centres, minor injury units to accident and emergency departments. We at the Centre for Urgent and Emergency Care Research (CURE), which is a leading national and international centre in this type of research, aim to gather evidence to help identify ways to improve how UEC is delivered (staff) and received (patients).

As part of a large program of work across the North of England, the Connected Health Cities project has been established to obtain and link together patient data from different hospitals and services across Yorkshire to build a unique and complete picture of the UEC services in the region. This picture will help researchers understand the flow of patients through EUC services, to understand what the most common health issues are and to better plan community services in the future. To support the project team with delivering the project, a Steering Committee has been established and we want to ensure voices from the people who have accessed these services are included.

Broadly, the PPV Representatives on the Steering Group will:

* Represent a range of people who use UEC services in England
* Use their experience and knowledge to help select research that is important and relevant
* Help to interpret the results of the research
* Help make sure the research is reported in understandable ways
* Constructively challenge the thinking of healthcare professionals where/when necessary

**WHO:** People with an interest in healthcare research, public involvement in research. We are looking for people who are passionate about involving patients, carers and the public in UEC research. Experience of a similar role is not needed and any necessary training will be given.

**WHERE:** Meetings will be held in CURE, Sheffield (local travel is reimbursed).

**PAYMENT:** PPV Representatives are paid £20 per meeting. Meeting documentation will be sent prior to the meeting.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Please contact the CHC Project Manager, Maxine Kuczawski by email (UECSheffield@sheffield.ac.uk) or telephone 0114 222 2981.

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The closing date for applications is **Friday 26th April 2019**.