

Patient and Public Voice Partners Needed for Medicines Repurposing Programme Steering Group

The [Medicines Repurposing Programme](#) is looking for two Patient and Public Voice (PPV) Partners to join its Steering Group. The programme identifies and develops opportunities to repurpose medicines (that is, to use medicines in ways not included in the original licence). Our aim is to improve clinical outcomes, patient and service user experience, and value for money.

Applicants should understand the value of repurposed medicines to patients, service users and the NHS, and be committed to delivering the programme's aims. An understanding of the processes through which medicines are researched, licensed, assessed and commissioned would be valuable. Applicants will have experience of bringing a patient or public perspective to national committees or steering groups with a strategic healthcare focus. They should also have scientific literacy and a willingness to challenge.

The Medicines Repurposing Programme is a multi-agency initiative, jointly sponsored by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI).

The role of the Steering Group includes:

- providing strategic direction and oversight to the Medicines Repurposing Programme
- agreeing, and driving the delivery of, the programme action plan
- agreeing criteria for prioritising candidate medicines and applying these criteria to select medicines to be taken forward within the programme.

This is a level 4 PPV role, meaning appointed partners can claim an involvement payment (for those people not representing or supported by an organisation), in line with the [NHS England Patient and Public Voice Expenses policy](#). The role has an estimated time commitment of 6 days per year. Membership of the Steering Group is for 12 months initially, at which point membership will be reviewed.

Applications are invited only from people who are currently a PPV partner with NHSEI or hold a similar lay member role on a committee for one of the sponsor agencies noted above.

For an information pack with full role description and details of how to apply please email england.repurposing@nhs.net or call Rosie Lovett, Head of Medicines Repurposing Programme, on 07783 822041 (working days Tuesday,

Wednesday and Friday). The closing date for applications is 1 August; shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview on the afternoon of 24 August.