



## **Lay Representatives – Study Steering Committee Member – The GPNET-0 Study**

We are inviting members of the public to apply to join our Study Steering Committee for the GPNET-0 Study, at Warwick Medical School, University of Warwick. See more about the study here:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/med/research/hscience/apc/qualityandsafety/gpnet-0/>

### **Study Background**

Over the coming decades, climate change will cause worsening health and increasing strain on health services. In the UK, the NHS is a major cause of carbon emissions, and it has identified an urgent need for action to reduce this. In 2020, the NHS report “Delivering a net zero National Health Service” set out a strategy to become ‘net zero’ by 2040. While the net zero report recognises general practice as having a key part to play, it lacks detail about how this should be done. Several different resources are available to help general practice make changes (for example, in relation to prescribing of inhalers, or travel), but evidence is lacking about how they are being used, why some practices choose to use them and others not, and what is needed to maximise their take up and impact. There is an urgent need to address this gap and produce evidence to inform the NHS net zero strategy.

### **Study Aims**

To understand how general practice is adapting to climate change and actively reducing carbon emissions (gases that are causing climate change) associated with its activities. To produce evidence to inform future guidance for practices and those responsible for NHS policy and commissioning.

### **Design and methods**

This 30-month project involves several different methods for gathering information about the broad range of issues that are affecting how general practice is responding to the net zero strategy.

### **Role on the Steering Committee**

We are looking for two members of the public to become members of the Study’s Steering Committee. Members of the committee will provide advice and guidance to the study team throughout the project. We particularly encourage individuals with an interest in climate change, healthcare, and research to apply. Members will need to have good availability during weekdays to be to attend a total of 5 committee meetings via videocall (via MS Teams). They will be reimbursed £25 per hour for their time.

### **How to apply**

If you are interested in applying, please send an email to [gpnet0@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:gpnet0@warwick.ac.uk) to express your interest and include a paragraph describing why you are suitable for the role **before 10.09.2023**.