



Public Voice Group Member Role Description For Coventry Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC)

Overview

We are part of a national program funded by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR). Our goal is to boost research done by councils. This research focuses on early life experiences, jobs, housing, transportation, and digital inclusion. These factors can impact health. We aim to make services better and fairer. This will help improve people's life chances and wellbeing.

We have a new and exciting program. [You can learn more about it here](#). Our team will work with Coventry City Council, University of Warwick, Coventry University and the NHS. We will also work with local people, communities, volunteer groups and charities.

Involving the residents and workers of Coventry is a top priority for us. We value their unique views and ideas. We are committed to ensuring that everyone's voice is heard. We plan to involve local residents in selecting research topics. Additionally, we want their input in designing services and facilities that affect them.

We are looking for committed individuals to join our Public Voice Group.

Purpose of the Public Voice Group?

The Public Voice group will discuss their views on local health issues. They may support or challenge HDRC project plans, drawing on their local knowledge. We plan quarterly meetings in central Coventry, mostly in person. Some might be online, using Teams or Zoom. The meetings will last between one and two hours.

During these meetings, you can share your views. You can also identify gaps and suggest ideas and improvements based on your experiences.

Who are we looking for?

- Cares about improving the wellbeing of people in Coventry.
- Lives, works, or studies in Coventry.
- Understands local issues well.
- Has connections with local groups.
- Wants to help Coventry thrive.
- Knows the challenges and can offer solutions.
- Eager to discuss issues that matter to their communities.
- Can attend meetings every three months.
- Can use email to send and receive electronic documents.

What will I do as a member of the Public Voice Group?

Jessica Weeks, our Public Involvement Officer, will support you taking part. Here are some activities you might take part in:

- Help us to identify the areas we want to research.
- Help us develop our plans to communicate and involve people.
- Ensure we include the voices from communities we don't hear from often.
- Advise us on individuals and local organisations to involve.
- Ensure that any surveys we use allow us to include everyone.
- Share your opinions and experiences to help us apply for further research funding.
- Work with our research teams on new projects.
- Help us share our findings by contributing to written articles, videos, blogs or attend public events.

What are the Benefits to me?

First, you can use your life experiences and local knowledge to benefit Coventry residents. You will also have opportunities to learn more about how research is done, if you wish to. This may include finding out about the steps taken from start to finish in a research project, the different methods used, how to interpret findings, and whether research methods are acceptable to the people of Coventry. You will be offered opportunities for training to develop your skills and knowledge.

You will also have access to our dedicated Public Involvement Officer who can work with you to develop your skills and identify any training needs you have.

Payment and expenses

We value the time of our public voice group members and will pay you for your work and time. We will pay you £25 per hour for meetings, training, and any tasks in between. Additionally, we'll pay you £5 for each online meeting to cover phone and internet costs. We will also reimburse all reasonable travel, childcare, or caring expenses. If needed, we will cover costs if you need a carer to accompany you to face to face meetings. We expect about two – three hours of work each month.

You will be paid into your bank account. Please note that we do not give out vouchers, cash, or similar, and that payments may affect some benefit payments. Our Public Involvement Officer will support you with the expenses claims process.

To learn more or have an informal chat, please contact Jessica Weeks at coventryhdc@coventry.gov.uk or Tel: 024 7697 6681