

Patient and Public Partner opportunity	
Name of Workstream:	Post (Long) Covid Operational Delivery Group and Workstream
How many opportunities are available?	Two
Who can apply for this role?	Patient and Public Partners can be patients, service users, carers, or members of the public.
Description of Workstream	
<p>We are looking to recruit two Patient and Public Partners to attend a monthly Operational Delivery Group and to be part of a collaborative approach to developing and reviewing the Derbyshire Post (Long) Management Service</p> <p>For some people, coronavirus (Covid-19) can cause symptoms that last weeks or months after the infection has gone. This is sometimes called post-Covid-19 syndrome or "Post (long) Covid".</p> <p>How long it takes to recover from Covid-19 is different for everybody. Many people feel better in a few days or weeks, and most will make a full recovery within 12 weeks. But for some people, symptoms can last longer. The chances of having long-term symptoms do not seem to be linked to how ill people are when people first get Covid-19. People who had mild symptoms can still have long-term problems.</p> <p>The work of the Operational Delivery Group is to improve the patient's journey and experience throughout the service including, working collectively to improve end-to-end health care pathways, ensuring equity of access and service delivery across Derbyshire, and improving patient outcomes. The current membership consists of all partner organisations involved in the establishment and running of the service. We have clinical and managerial attendance from the assessment and rehabilitation elements of the service, covering the initial patient assessment, vocational rehab, Chronic Fatigue, Respiratory, Health Psychology/IAPT. Commissioning and finance colleagues also attend.</p>	

Key requirements of the role	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should have lived; related experience or knowledge of the issues being discussed regarding Post (Long) Covid Syndrome. • To be passionate about helping to develop and shape the Derbyshire Post (Long) Covid Management Service. • To articulate patient and public views from a broad range of perspectives, sometimes beyond your personal experience. • To be committed to addressing health inequalities. • To have an understanding of and commitment to maintaining confidentiality. • To feel confident communicating effectively with a wide range of people, voice opinions, and contribute to the debate. • To be open to and respectful of other people's points of view. • To be willing to undertake personal development and training where appropriate to support understanding of the meeting content and your contribution to discussions. 	
Time commitment	<p>Patient and Public Partners will be required to attend a monthly Operational Delivery Group meeting. The duration of the meetings is approximately 1.5 hours, and time will also need to be factored in to read all relevant papers circulated before the meetings.</p> <p>There may be opportunities to review documentation related to the service as it is developed.</p>
Where do meetings take place?	<p>Meetings currently take place over Microsoft Teams. Support will be offered to anyone who has not used this digital platform before.</p>
Additional information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You will be reimbursed out of pocket expenses. • You will be provided with a lead contact to assist with any questions and provide support before, during and after meetings. • You will receive an induction and support sessions will be available. • You will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement due to the sensitive content of the meeting papers. 	

How do I apply?

If you are interested, please send a brief expression of interest covering the following:

- Tell us a bit about yourself.
- Why are you interested in this role?
- What could you bring to the role, i.e. your experience, background, skills and knowledge?

Please send your expression of interest to Hannah Morton Engagement Specialist for Joined Up Care Derbyshire: ddicb.engagement@nhs.net

Closing date: *Monday 15th August*