

Job Description

Job Title: Clinical Senate Public and Patient Representative	
Time Commitment	Variable
Responsible to	Clinical Senate Chair
Accountable to	Clinical Senate Chair
<p>Organisation Chart</p> <pre> graph TD MD["Medical Director (Joint) NHS England - North (Y&H)"] --- SC["Senate Chair"] SC --- SCouncil["Senate Council"] SCouncil --- SAssem["Senate Assembly"] </pre>	
<p>The Yorkshire and the Humber Clinical Senate values the contributions of patients and carers to enrich the advice we provide. The Senate has patient and carer representatives both on the Council and on the Assembly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For members of the Clinical Senate Council: patient representatives are required to participate and debate particular topics in the Clinical Senate Council. Council patient representatives are also required to participate in discussions which oversee overall Senate business and contribute to developing the Clinical Senate’s strategic direction and business. These meetings are held every two months. It is estimated that the time commitment for the Council will be 1 – 2 days per month For members of the Assembly: The Assembly acts as a resource for the Council to draw the appropriate experts into a working group in response to a commissioner request for advice. You will be called upon to offer a patient perspective within these working groups depending on your areas of interest. 	
<p>Job Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To broadly represent patients’ and carers’ using Yorkshire and the Humber’s health and social care services and actively seek to improve the quality of healthcare To use your knowledge and experience to give advice about the impact on patients and carers of issues being considered by the Clinical Senate and to challenge the thinking of healthcare professionals where you feel this is necessary 	

- To champion the diversity of patient and public views (not only represent your personal experience)
- To read papers and give a citizen perspective on the contents
- To commit to attending any meetings required of your role
- To draw on views and experiences within local groups and networks that you are involved with to inform and share information about the Clinical Senate's work
- To give advice about additional patient, carer and public involvement that may be required in relation to aspects of the Clinical Senate's work
- To say whether you feel that patients' views have been adequately sought and considered and are fairly reflected in the advice that the Clinical Senate provides
- To comply with standards of conduct and respect the confidential nature of Clinical Senate discussions when it is made clear by the Chair that this is a requirement
- To join workshops or events across Yorkshire and the Humber where participation would support the citizen voice in decision making
- To identify your own support, training and development needs and seek appropriate support from the Senate Manager

Qualities and Requirements of the Role

Requirement
Passionate about helping to develop and shape health services across Yorkshire and the Humber
Willing to provide objective input about the needs of patients and carers and members of the public
Have experience of giving a public, patient or carer perspective on health services
Knowledge
Can display sound judgement and an ability to be objective
Can operate effectively as members of a team but are willing to challenge where appropriate
Have the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people
Have an awareness of, and commitment to, equality and diversity
Have some awareness of health and social care issues
Have the ability to understand and evaluate a range of information and evidence, including potentially complex strategic documents and data

Understand the need for confidentiality where appropriate

Skills/Ability

Good oral communication skills

Ability to articulate citizen or patients' needs within a clinical forum

Appreciation of need for patient and public involvement, particularly minority groups

Openness to other points of view

To make clear in all you say and do that you are there as an objective, agenda free expert and to provide a perspective of many other citizens, patients and carers