

# Help us shape the future of primary and social care in Sunderland

- Do you have a keen interest in health and social care services in Sunderland?
- Can you give a little of your time to reading documents and attending a meeting in Sunderland once every two months?

If you answered YES to these questions, then you might just be the sort of person we're looking for to help establish our Public Patient and Carers Panel!

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**Since September 2015, health and social care services in Sunderland have joined together with other providers, including third sector partners, to reshape and deliver a new way of working under an NHS 'vanguard' programme known as 'All Together Better'.**

One of 50 vanguard sites, Sunderland has been in the forefront of developing proactive; rapid response and co-ordinated care to the people who need it most, and continues to radically change the way health and social care services are structured and delivered across the city.

Organisations who commission (choose and buy) and those who provide health and social care services across Sunderland are now looking at the potential development of a Multispecialty Community Provider (MCP) which will bring further integration beyond the vanguard programme.

Based on what we have learned over the last few years, the proposed MCP will bring significant benefits to service delivery and we want to ensure we bring communities with us on this journey of change.

**To achieve this we are seeking to develop a Public Patient and Carers Panel (PPCP).**

The PPC Panel will serve as an important reference group for both the vanguard programme (All Together Better) in its final year, but crucially the ongoing development of a proposed MCP.

We are seeking to recruit a diverse PPC Panel of volunteers to include a number of city wide representatives including members of the public, voluntary sector organisations and members of GP patient practice panels.

## What will a PCP Panel member do?

As a member of the PPC panel you will review and comment on service improvement in relation to the vanguard programme and potential MCP development.

Due to the nature of the (unpaid) role and the complexity of some of the data we need to recruit and establish a well-informed PPC Panel that is able to broadly represent the views of the community in terms of independence and diversity. **However, no medical or clinical knowledge is required.** Full training and support will be provided to enable newly-appointed members to play a full part.

## What level of commitment is involved?

As a PPC Panel representative, you will be required to commit to up to approximately 5 hours per month. This time will be made up of attendance at one meeting every other month (lasting up to 3 hours) as well as committing to some extensive background reading and preparation in advance of meetings. (These meetings are likely to occur during office hours, though the times of meetings are to be determined as appropriate).

In addition, the role may require you to attend further PPC Panel meetings if it is deemed necessary to hold meetings more frequently or where there is a need for an 'extraordinary meeting' to be held.

There will be a full induction session arranged through AgeUK Sunderland which all PPC Panel members will be required to attend.

**If you would like to find out more, or would like to request a formal application pack, then please contact:**

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