

## British Association of Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH) Public Panel

Hello!

Firstly, thank you for your interest in the BASHH public panel. The involvement of patients and the public in the work of our organisation is important and highly valued.

By volunteering with us, you can help to make sure that the work of BASHH is important and relevant to your needs and the needs of other members of the public. You get to have an input into helping sexual health services to improve and to make sure that they focus on the people who matter - patients. You will also be among the first to know what is happening within BASHH and be in a position to influence it.

The following job role and person specification should help you to decide if you would like to work with us on the public panel.

### What is involved in the role?

<b>Job Title</b>	Lay member of the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Panel of the British Association of Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)
<b>Background</b>	<p>BASHH is a professional organisation that represents and works for doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals who work in the field of sexual health.</p> <p>BASHH has a genuine desire to engage with patients, service users and the public to make sure that the voice of ordinary people is heard and becomes a key part of all that BASHH does.</p>
<b>What is the PPI Panel?</b>	<p>The Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Panel is a group of people who are either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Representatives of the profession (BASHH fellows / members) or</li><li>• Representatives of service users / the public (lay people who have a genuine interest in sexual health matters - if possible by virtue of some personal experience of sexual health care or through representation of partner organisations). or</li><li>• Are members of the public with an interest in sexual health matters.</li></ul>
<b>What am I expected to do?</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attend regular meetings (two or three per year).</li><li>2. There may be some background reading to do before meetings and other preparation between meetings if you get involved with any projects.</li><li>3. A key role for lay members is to ensure that the views of users' experiences and interests inform this group's work. This may include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identifying issues of concern</li></ul></li></ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helping to identify the questions that would be relevant to people attending sexual health clinics.</li> <li>• Making sure equalities issues are considered.</li> <li>• Helping us to write guidelines for the management of sexually transmitted infections and other aspects of sexual health care.</li> </ul>
<b>How much time to I need to give?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is likely that there will be two or three meetings in a year. There will also be some email correspondence and reading in between meetings.</li> <li>• The meetings will take place at the Royal Society of Medicine in Central London on Saturdays. Web conferencing facilities are available, so you can attend online if you cannot make it in person.</li> <li>• Membership is for two years initially and can be extended for a further two years. (Commitment for a period shorter than two years will not exclude involvement).</li> </ul>
<b>Will I get any training or support?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depending on your experiences, there may be an induction session before the first meeting.</li> <li>• You can expect support from the BASHH members of the PPI Panel, especially the Chair.</li> <li>• You may be offered to pair up with BASHH members for support / mentorship.</li> <li>• You will not be expected to do anything that you are uncomfortable with and you are not expected to be an expert. You are there to bring the patient and public perspective to the work of BASHH.</li> </ul>
<b>Will I be paid anything?</b>	<p>Lay members of the PPI Panel will be paid travel expenses to attend meetings in London. You just need to complete a claim form and give this to the chair (together with receipts for your journey). You will get the money as a cheque or by bank transfer (whichever you prefer).</p> <p>Refreshments are provided at panel meetings.</p>
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