

Person Specification

This specification is designed for panel members who, in addition to representing their own views, also represent the views of others through work in other organisations. For example, the views of students, particular patient groups etc.

Factor	Essential attributes	Desirable attributes
Experience	<p>Experience of the NHS, health care settings, a health issue or particular disease or the ability to represent the views of sexual health service users</p> <p>Literacy and the use of computers – email and the internet</p>	<p>Personal experience of being a patient, carer or service user</p> <p>Working in the health voluntary sector or representative of a relevant partner organisation</p>
Special skills	<p>Genuine interest in sexual health issues</p> <p>Time to commit to the work of the panel by attending meetings and undertaking background work</p> <p>Able to work to deadlines</p> <p>Ability to present a perspective from their own experience or that of a service user perspective</p>	<p>Keep up to date with current user issues via networks / media</p> <p>Able to access the view of a wide range of service users</p>
Knowledge	<p>Understanding of a wider patient perspective</p> <p>Basic understanding of PPI</p>	<p>Understanding of a particular condition or disease</p>
Personal qualities	<p>Be a good communicator</p> <p>Ability to listen to others and to express own views in discussion</p> <p>Self confidence in a mixed group of professionals and willingness to give feedback to professionals</p> <p>Willingness to want to improve health services</p> <p>Commitment to diversity and equal opportunities and able to work with a wide range of people from different backgrounds</p>	<p>An understanding of issues relating to equalities</p>