

GREATER MANCHESTER HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

Independent Chair / Carers Champion

The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership (GMHSCP) is seeking a passionate and driven individual to act as an Independent Chair/Carers Champion to support the Carers Strategy Group and the implementation of its delivery programme to enhance support and opportunities for carers.

The Strategy Group brings together NHS, local authorities and voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) agencies from across Greater Manchester to improve the support offered to carers in all ten council areas.

The group aims to ensure a joined up approach to supporting and improve the health and wellbeing of carers, and make Greater Manchester a carer friendly region. A 'Commitment to Carers' developed between health, care and support organisations, a 'Carers' charter' setting out what carers can expect, and a Delivery Plan for implementation of the Charter have been developed. We now need someone to champion implementation of the plan and its key objectives. The role will be a strong ambassador and represent GM carers at the most prominent and influential level possible to ensure they have a voice/influence and are recognised as key partners in the successful delivery of health and social care services for the future, across the whole of Greater Manchester.

We are thinking of carers as people of any age who support, unwaged, a relative, partner or friend who – due to physical or mental illness, disability, frailty or addiction – could not manage without that support.

We are ambitious and passionate about improving lives. We want to significantly improve the support and opportunities for carers, and for carers to be true partners in the care and support of the person they care for.

Key areas of work are envisaged as follows:

- Leading and influencing the carers agenda across GM and putting GM at the forefront of support for carers
- Have a prominent role in communication of the strategy with carers and across health and social care.
- Leading the Strategy Group and ensuring that it achieves its expectations and ambitions
- Ensuring that implementation planning and delivery maintain focus on what is important to carers
- Providing assurance on behalf of GMHSCP on progress and direction of travel against the commitments of the Strategy Group and implementation of its delivery plan.

This role will also play a key part in the HSCSP and the implementation of its broader objectives in health and adult social care and will be a part of a growing and diverse GM team.

The successful applicant is likely to have:

- A great value base with a passion to improve lives and make a difference
- Experience of being a carer, or significant involvement in a carer's organisation or similar environment
- Experience of contributing at a strategic level within statutory, independent or third sector organisations
- The determination, drive and personal commitment to ensure ambitions become reality.

The successful person will be supported in their role by the GMHSCP team, who will provide project and programme management support. We envisage that the role will require 2-3 days per month from the autumn of 2017, initially to March 2018 but with a possibility of extension. Remuneration will be dependent upon experience.

Ideally, the individual will be resident in the Greater Manchester area. If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit an expression of interest (no more than 2 pages) by email to ellen.shercliff@nhs.net detailing your strengths, skills and experiences in relation to the main requirements of this role. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please contact Sheila Downey on 01706 922918 or Joanne Chilton on 0161 6257485

The closing date for receipt of interest is 5.00pm 13th November 2017