



Public involvement opportunity

Become a member of the Health and Care Research Wales Health Research Fellowship Panel.

Deadline: 12:00 on 25 October 2019

Please contact us before distributing this advert to other networks.

Who can get involved?

Individuals who:

- have an active interest in health research
- use health care services
- use health care services as a carer or representative for another person
- are available to attend a teleconference on 23 January 2020 and a face to face meeting on the 13 May 2020

You need to be registered with the involvement community to submit an expression of interest. Members of the public who have not registered are invited to submit a [registration form](#) to become part of the involvement community.

Who is the opportunity with?

Health and Care Research Wales, Welsh Government Research and Development Division

Location

Meetings will take place in Cardiff

Background information

Health and Care Research Wales' vision is to support and develop excellent research which has a positive impact on the health, wellbeing and prosperity of the people of Wales.

The Health and Care Research Wales Health Research Fellowship award aims to build capacity in health and social care research by supporting individuals to become independent researchers who will undertake high quality research projects. Applications are welcomed from individuals working across any sector or scientific discipline to undertake research which will benefit the people of Wales.

What is required?

Two individuals to become members of the Health and Care Research Wales Health Research Fellowship Panel.

Successful individuals will be required to review submitted applications in preparation for a teleconference where the applications will be shortlisted. This teleconference will take place on the 23 January 2020. Applications consist of approximately five pages and there can be up to 20 applications.

Shortlisted applications proceed to interview panel which will take place on 13 May 2020 in Cardiff. Individuals will be required to attend in person. Approximately, 6-8 candidates will be interviewed by panel members on the day.

***Please see further information in the person specification at the bottom of this bulletin**

What reward is offered for taking part?

Health and Care Research Wales will:

- Cover reasonable travel expenses for attendance at the interview panel meeting. Meetings will include refreshments and food throughout the day and accommodation will be provided where necessary.
- Offer payment for time of £150 for each day of the meeting (people can request less if they are in receipt of state benefits).

Please refer to website for guidelines for expenses/payment for time and our guidance for people in receipt of state benefits, which are both available online <https://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/public-involvement-resources/>.

As a registered member of the community you will also have access to support from the public involvement and engagement team and the Health and Care Research Wales

[training programme](#).

What further support is available?

Successful individuals will be supported by the secretariat staff to ensure that members are aware of meeting dates and times. The secretariat will be the main point of contact for this involvement and will need to be kept informed if you cannot attend any of the meetings and can deal with any queries you may have.

How do I register my interest?

To apply, please complete the application form which can be found on the [Health and Care Research Wales website](#) and submit it by email to wales@soton.ac.uk. We welcome applications until noon on **25 October 2019**.

Please submit your application form together with an up-to-date CV and include your name in the file name, for example:

- i. A Thomas application form.docx
- ii. A Thomas CV.docx

All members are required to declare if they have any interest that might be in conflict with the work of the panel, e.g. if you know someone in a research team personally, or if you could gain financially if the research was funded. Any member with a conflict of interest is asked to leave the room during any discussion or decision on these projects or issues.

Next steps

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend a teleconference interview for this panel position. The interview will last up to 30 minutes. The successful applicants will have training and induction provided by the Health and Care Research Wales team before the panel meetings commence.

Person specification

We are looking for a good mix of public members to join our panel. We do not expect every individual to demonstrate all of the attributes listed below under knowledge, skills and experience. In your application you should draw attention to those that are most relevant to you and why you think these will be useful in panel discussions.

Knowledge:

- Passionate interest in improving services that may impinge upon people's health and well-being in Wales.
- An understanding of the importance of and need for social care or health research.
- An active interest in current affairs relating to health and social care (for example through TV, radio or newspapers).

Skills:

- Confidence to contribute to group discussion.
- Ability to contribute relevant and succinct information to group discussion.
- Ability to refer to personal experience appropriately in discussion.
- Confidence in using email, internet and documents provided electronically.
- Ability to quickly assimilate new information.
- Willingness to learn the skills of the role and develop those skills over time.

Experience:

- Experience of the health or social care service in Wales either as a patient, potential patient or carer, or experience of representing Welsh health and social care users and carers.
- Reading and reviewing written documents.
- Assimilating a large volume of written information.
- Participating in formal meetings (such as being a school governor, being a member of an ethics committee, or acting as a charity trustee).
- Working as part of a team.
- Social care or health research (for example as a public contributor member to a research study or as a member of a research project team).
- Demonstrable commitment to improving social care or health services (for example through involvement in charity, support group, or other committee activities).

Is this role for you? To find out if you may be the person we're looking for, please ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do you have a keen interest in social care and health research?
2. Do you have an active interest in current affairs relating to health; e.g. via TV, radio, newspapers, or the internet?
3. Are you confident in using e-mail, the internet, and word processing packages?
4. Can you commit to preparation for meetings – this typically involves reading and considering research proposals in detail, and noting points for clarification?
5. Do you have the time and the stamina for long meetings – our meetings are usually a very full day, and require travel and potentially an overnight stay? (We support members with disabilities, caring responsibilities or other needs.)
6. Do you see yourself as an advocate or campaigner for a particular social care or health issue, or area of public services, which might hinder your objectivity in other matters?
7. Have you worked in any of the following roles?
 - Academic social care or health researcher?
 - Social care or health practitioner or manager?

If you have answered **Yes** to questions 1-5, and **No** to questions 6 and 7, then this may be a role for you.