

## An Exciting Opportunity for Existing Patient Research Ambassadors in the West Midlands

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN) West Midlands is the clinical research delivery arm of the NIHR. We are passionate about the contribution that clinical research can make to patient care. Our aim is to increase the opportunities for patients to take part in clinical research, ensure studies are carried out efficiently and support the Government's Strategy for embedding clinical research in the NHS.

We wish to appoint a Lay Representative to be a member of the Partnership Group, to contribute to the development of the CRN West Midlands. The appointee will join two other Lay Representatives. The remit will be to provide the patient, carer and general public perspectives, acting as a key link between patient groups and research management and fostering patient/public engagement in CRN studies.

You will be a voting member of the Partnership Group and your role will be to contribute to the overall development, effective management and governance of CRN activities in the West Midlands.

The Partnership Group meets as a minimum four times per year and the term of office is three years. A small honorarium and reimbursement of travel expenses are payable in line with INVOLVE guidance (INVOLVE is a national advisory group that supports greater public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research).

If you wish to apply for this role please send a CV that **illustrates your activities and roles as a patient research ambassador and covering letter** by email to [mary-anne.darby@nihr.ac.uk](mailto:mary-anne.darby@nihr.ac.uk) For further information or an informal discussion, please contact Mary-Anne Darby, Head of Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement in Research on Tel. No. 01902 447193. The closing date for applications is 1 October 2019. Interviews will be held on Monday 14 October 2019 at the CRN West Midlands Office, Birmingham Research Park, Vincent Drive, Birmingham, B15 2SQ and applicants will be contacted individually with details of their meeting.