

Partnership Group
Lay Representative Person Specification

Specification	Essential	Desirable
An understanding of and commitment to the broad objectives of the NIHR Clinical Research Network.	✓	
Resident within the West Midlands geographical region..	✓	
Experience of health services or research as a patient, carer, advocate or representative of patients and carers.	✓	
A real and practical understanding of the relevance of patient and public involvement in the work of the NIHR Clinical Research Network and Local Clinical Research Networks.	✓	
The ability to understand the broader range of patient/public perspectives beyond one's own personal experience and to use that to inform the work of the Partnership Group/Network as a member of a team rather than as an individual.	✓	
The ability to work and communicate effectively and appropriately as part of a team within and beyond the Board in a solution-focused approach.	✓	
The ability to listen to others, summarise issues and express views objectively with a constructive purpose.	✓	

A real appreciation of the challenges inherent in participating in a mixed group of professionals and lay people.		✓
Experience of participating in formal meetings where there is a routine expectation for members to prepare by reading meeting papers that may be complex .		✓
Self confidence in a mixed group of professionals.	✓	
Ability to respond to appropriately challenging tasks and understand key information provided in meeting papers.		✓