



## **LAY ADVICE ON DIABETES & ENDOCRINE RESEARCH** **(LADDER) – INFORMATION SHEET**

### **What is the purpose of this lay advisory panel?**

The main purpose of this lay advisory panel is to ensure that research carried out within the Academic Directorate of Diabetes and Endocrinology is patient focused.

### **Who do I contact for further information?**

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## **Who can become a member of the Panel?**

Anyone with an interest in diabetes or an endocrine condition can be a panel member, including:

- People with diabetes
- People with an endocrine condition
- Carers / family / friends of people with diabetes or an endocrine condition

## **What would I do?**

Take part in discussions at meetings or via email / telephone to ensure patient and carer priorities are reflected in research. You may:

- comment on new and existing research proposals
- help develop patient information leaflets
- advise on the recruitment of participants into research studies and sharing research results
- represent the public at research meetings

## **What would be expected of me?**

This is a **voluntary role**, so you will not receive payment for your involvement. However, refreshments will be provided and reasonable travels expenses reimbursed.

You can participate by becoming a:

- **panel member** - attend monthly meetings
- **associate member** - provide feedback by email or telephone prior to meetings

There may also be emails between meetings when reviews are required quickly, and you may be invited to other meetings within the hospital or elsewhere - these are always optional.

## **Do I need any qualifications?**

No, you do not need any formal qualifications to become a panel or associate member. You will be given induction training as well as ongoing training and support.

## **Why do it?**

People decide to get involved in for a variety of reasons.

For example, you may:

- have personal knowledge and experience that would be valuable to our researchers
- want the opportunity to develop personal skills
- want to develop a broader understanding of clinical research and the topic being researched
- want the opportunity to make a contribution
- want to help to improve the services for others

**Thank you for your interest in the LADDER panel.**

If you are interested in becoming a LADDER panel member, please contact Sharon Caunt.

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