



Lay Expert Advisory Panel
South Yorkshire HIV Network

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals
NHS Foundation Trust 

About LEAP

Everyone's voice counts. LEAP welcomes members from the whole community. Your experiences and insights would be gratefully welcomed.

If you'd like more information about LEAP, speak to your specialist nurse or email LEAP@sth.nhs.uk for more information.

What we would like you to do

Who we are

We are a group of people with a unique understanding of living with HIV, caring for those living with HIV or sharing experience within local communities.

We promote, support and inform research and service development through our unique perspective and practical experience.

Affected by HIV?
Interested in **research**?
Want to have a say in **how research is conducted**?
Talk to your specialist nurse or email:

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YOUR HEALTH... YOUR VOICE!

What we do

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As a member of the group you will have the opportunity to:

- ✓ Identify research priorities
- ✓ Advise or steer on projects
- ✓ Develop patient information leaflets and research materials
- ✓ Help design interviews with research participants, train users to carry out research (data collection and evaluation)
- ✓ Help evaluate the impact of research and disseminate findings



How we benefit as members of LEAP

- ✓ Opportunity to give something back
- ✓ Help influence research
- ✓ Better understanding of the clinical and research processes
- ✓ Share our perspectives and learn more about different experiences

"It has been a great privilege to work alongside patients, carers and other members of communities significantly affected by HIV to develop our Lay Expert Advisory Panel (LEAP).

LEAP has provided a great resource for researchers in the wide range of HIV related research that is happening in Sheffield and across South Yorkshire HIV Network. I am grateful to LEAP for their enthusiasm and words of personal experience that have helped researchers to develop new research studies here and to participate effectively in national studies."

Dr Christine A Bowman

Founding Chair, LEAP, South Yorkshire HIV Network



How clinicians benefit

- ✓ Feedback from service users about research proposals
- ✓ Help with project design and implementation
- ✓ Evaluating the impact of research
- ✓ PPI requirement in grant applications
- ✓ Help develop information and promotional leaflets



How everyone benefits

- ✓ Promote, support and inform research
- ✓ Raise awareness of best practice
- ✓ Improved research and patient outcomes
- ✓ Better education about HIV and its impact
- ✓ Improved service delivery