

Cochrane UK Consumer Champions: Person specification

What is the aim of the Cochrane UK Consumer Champions role?

We are currently looking to recruit Cochrane UK Consumer Champions to join our initiative. Anyone who meets the eligibility criteria below is welcome to apply.

Who we would like to recruit?

To be eligible for the role, Cochrane UK Consumer Champions need to:

- Have lived experience as a patient or family member/carer for a patient;
- Be based in the UK;
- Have a key interest in being, or becoming, a consumer advocate in their own area (locality or condition area);
- Be able to commit at least 4 hours a month to the role (maximum of 16 hours per month);
- Have no conflicts of interest that would prevent participation in the role.

What will I receive for taking part?

Cochrane UK Consumer Champions will be given access to Cochrane resources. Cochrane UK will also provide remuneration for your involvement (full-day rate of £150 and half-day rate of £75) and cover reasonable expenses when attending a relevant meeting or event. These expenses are subject to approval, in line with the Oxford University Hospitals (OUH) expenses policy, and ideally should be arranged and paid for in advance by Cochrane UK.

Please note that receiving a payment or a fee, or even being reimbursed for expenses may be regarded as earnings and is likely to have implications for you, whether you are currently employed, unemployed, retired or receiving state benefits. If you are receiving state benefits, please consider that receiving any form of payment may affect your benefit claim. It is crucial that you get expert advice from a benefits advisor or from Jobcentre Plus regarding your personal circumstances.

How will we decide who to recruit?

The candidates will be initially shortlisted based on their application. After shortlisting, the candidates will be interviewed and selected considering both the application and the interview.

If you are interested in applying for this role, please complete the application form attached and send it to Marta Santos: marta.santos@cochrane.nhs.uk

If you have any questions, please contact: Marta Santos, Programme Support Officer at Cochrane UK, on marta.santos@cochrane.nhs.uk