

Cochrane UK Consumer Champions: Role description

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

The aim is to develop links with wider groups and networks of potential Cochrane consumers. This will involve:

- i) Raising awareness of Cochrane's work within the community
- ii) Advocating for wider use of Cochrane's work within consumer groups and organizations
- iii) Promoting consumer involvement within Cochrane and Cochrane Groups
- iv) Providing a connection between Cochrane and consumers

What will the role involve?

The role will be very flexible. You will be able to focus on tasks that you have a particular interest in to ensure you can use your expertise to support the aims of the initiative. Some of the tasks that may be involved are:

- i) Promoting opportunities for consumers to get involved in Cochrane's work;
- ii) Supporting consumers with getting involved in Cochrane's work (e.g. identifying relevant resources and contacts within the organizations);
- iii) Advising Cochrane on consumer needs and priorities within their community;
- iv) Supporting Cochrane with the dissemination of Cochrane work relevant to the consumer communities;
- v) Providing support to Cochrane groups in finding relevant consumers to help support their work.

We will arrange ongoing discussions with you to identify ways you might want to get further involved in Cochrane using the opportunities and networks you may already have.

What training and support will I receive?

Training will be dependent on your needs and preferences within the role.

Cochrane has a number of training materials including videos, written material and online seminars which will be shared with you. This will also include further training and resources available to you more generally about patient and public involvement. All the training will be free and available to you online. We may also arrange face-to-face training if there is a demand for this.

You will also be provided with a contact within Cochrane UK who will support you during the role. This person will be available to identify any training and ongoing support you may need. Contact will be made via email, online meetings or telephone calls throughout your time in the role.

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