



Contribute to our Exceptional Funding Request Panel

Are you interested in helping to ensure that the CCG's EFR Panel's decision-making progress is equitable, consistent, and transparent?

If so, we would like you to sit on the EFR Panel and contribute to discussion and decision regarding exceptional funding requests on a monthly basis.

Read on to learn more out this opportunity and how to get involved



Why should I get involved?

The Independent Member will contribute to the decision making of the Exceptional Funding Request (EFR) Panel regarding the funding of healthcare interventions for individual patients who wish to access treatment not usually funded by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG).

The key responsibility of this role is to help to ensure that the [EFR policies](#), processes and procedures adopted by BNSSG CCG are followed by the EFR Panel. Specifically, the Independent Member, as a lay member of the commissioning executive, will help to ensure that the decision making process of the EFR Panel is equitable and transparent, in accordance with principles and values set out in the [NHS Constitution 2012](#).

This is an extremely valuable role in ensuring that the independent viewpoint is represented amongst the panel of health professionals.

What to expect?

This work will take the form of a monthly two-hour panel, held remotely using the MS Teams video conferencing platform. You will be joined by 4-6 other people fulfilling varying roles for a group discussion.

You will be expected to contribute to the discussion on each case presented to the panel, representing the layperson's view, and also to bring constructive common-sense issues and comments to the debate, making decisions in line with [commissioning policies](#) in place and fitting with the strategic direction of the CCG

There will be some preparatory work expected prior to panel meetings in terms of reading and digesting funding applications and supporting papers. There is also the potential to consider urgent EFR cases on an ad-hoc basis either by email or remote meeting to assist the panel's quoracy within a 5-day timeframe.

How do I get involved?

We are looking to talk with people with a good understanding of the healthcare/NHS system, ideally some understanding of local BNSSG NHS commissioned services, although training will be provided as required. The ideal candidate will also have some experience of participating effectively in discussions as a member of a committee.

The panel will take place on the first Tuesday of each month from 12pm-2pm and we will offer you a payment of £15 per hour for participation (with additional expenses for travel/subsistence if required).

Please contact Niall Mitchell at bnssg.ifr@nhs.net to obtain further information and/or to express interest in the role. The deadline for expression of interests is the 31st of March 2022.