

Learning Disability and Autism Champion Expression of Interest

Health services and Social Care need to be made better for people with a learning disability and autistic people which is outlined in the NHS Long Term Plan, and the LGA and Association of Directors of Adult Services (ADASS) Outcomes and Improvement Framework. Which further identifies how Social Care and its partners can improve how they support autistic people and people with a learning disability at place.

We are looking for someone with experience of working in health, social care or the voluntary services.

This could include:

- a self-advocate with personal experience of living with a learning disability, autism or both.
- voluntary work in advocacy services or planning for learning disability services in your local area.
- working in health, education or social care services and have experience of supporting and working with people with learning disabilities, autism or both.
- knowing lots about services for people with learning disabilities, autism or both and their families in your area.

We are looking for people who want to make a real difference, raise aspirations, and speak up for the equality and equity for people with learning disabilities.

Objectives:

- To raise awareness and provide challenge to the system to ensure people with LD and A are considered in projects, decisions and investments.
- Promote and support the development of sustainable engagement system wide, ensuring the voices of people with Learning Disability, autistic people, their families, and carers are heard and acted upon.
- Work alongside CCGs, LAs, PACC, PODS and other agencies to support LD&A projects and maintain positive stakeholder relationships.
- Focus on quality and value of healthcare and Social Care services, and support reduction in health inequalities.
- Provide expertise and advice to stakeholders and support the transformation and delivery of services for children, young people and adults with LD&A through the principals of co-production
- Support and generate new culture of understanding and awareness of LD&A across the system.
- Attendance at Partnership Meetings and other meetings specific to LD&A
- Influencing the LD&A agenda at partnership organisations such as specialist accommodation

There are two roles available, each role will be place based:

- One candidate for the Shropshire area
- One candidate for the Telford & Wrekin area

You will be accountable to the Senior Responsible Office for LD&A

You will be engaged on behalf of the CCG on an IR35 arrangement this means you will not be directly employed by the CCG, however payment will be made via payroll services. More details of what this means can be found [here](#) on the government website.

A commitment of 4 hours per week in return for £4500pa.

We are flexible about days and hours and will give you all the training and support you need to carry out this role.

If you feel you have the qualities required to deliver this role, please send your expression of interest to val.walsh@nhs.net explaining how you would contribute, champion, and deliver the expectations of the role in no more than 500 words. Please also include contact details of a character reference in your email.

Closing date for expressions of interest will be 26th September when the selection process will commence.