



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Community Health Councils (CHCs) – Across Wales

Appointment of Members

Time commitment: 3-5 days a month. **What are CHCs?** CHCs represent the independent voice of patients and the public in the design and delivery of NHS services.

What do CHC members do?

CHC members are local volunteers who act as the eyes and ears of patients and the public in Wales. They visit NHS services and speak to people in their communities to hear the views and experiences of local people about their NHS. CHC members work directly with those who plan and deliver NHS services to improve the quality of patient care.

Successful candidates will be given training and support to enable them to carry out their role and any 'out of pocket' expenses such as travel will be reimbursed.

We are looking for new members who have an interest in their local community. The most important requirement is a genuine interest in listening to others and being able to represent their views in a balanced way. Some key skills which would be useful include: very strong social skills, being able to work in a team and with a diverse range of people plus good communication skills.

It is the policy of the Welsh Government to promote and integrate equality of opportunity into all aspects of its business including appointments to public bodies. Applications are welcomed and encouraged from all groups and we ensure that no eligible candidate for public office receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, or pregnancy and maternity. The principles of fair and open competition will apply and appointments will be made on merit.

The Welsh Government has recently consulted on proposals to strengthen the citizen/patient voice. However, if any changes are made, they will not happen for some time. Consequently, it is important that we appoint sufficient members to enable CHCs to continue to perform their important functions.

For further details and to apply go to <http://wales.gov.uk/publicappointments> or for queries contact the Shared Service Helpdesk on 029 2082 5454 or email SharedServiceHelpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk

The closing date for receipt of applications is 22nd January 2018. Application forms received after this date will not be considered. It is expected to hold interviews during w/c 26th February 2018.

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