**Would you like to shape and improve cancer services across**

**South West London?**

We are putting people and communities at the heart of cancer transformation in South West London, and are looking for 2\* Community Partners to provide ideas and feedback to help shape and improve services across South West London (Croydon, Kingston, Merton, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth).

**Why we want members of our community on our boards:**

Making sure local people are involved in our work ensures their voices and opinions are heard. This means the work we do reflects the needs of the local community. We cannot do that without your help.

We are looking for people who;

* Live in South West London **OR**
* Have lived experience of cancer in South West London **OR**
* Have been a carer or relative of a person with a lived experience of cancer in South West London **OR**
* Are volunteering or working in voluntary or community groups in South West London.

**What the role involves?**

You will be expected to attend at least 80% of our online governance meetings over 12 months and bring the voice and experience of people in the community to discussions, acting as an independent critical friend. There will be approximately two board meetings each month, each with pre-meeting support (on average this will equate to 5 hours in total per month plus time for reading papers). You will be asked to provide feedback and ideas based on your own experiences to help us understand what matters to people in our local area.

We will provide you with support and training for this role and aim to regularly seek your feedback and genuinely hope that you will find this role rewarding and enjoyable.

RM Partners oversees the cancer alliance transformation programme which will be discussed throughout the meetings. These meetings are part of our governance and you can learn more about how we are organised [here](https://rmpartners.nhs.uk/about-us/our-governance/).

**You:**

You do not need significant experience of using the NHS or being involved in formal board meetings to undertake this work.

This is a great opportunity to:

* make a difference and help us improve how we engage with local people
* help us understand what matters to people and our communities
* enhance cancer related services for people across South West London.

**Length of commitment:** 12 months.

**Expenses:**

We will pay you £30 per governance meeting and reimburse reasonable expenses such as travel and childcare expenses when deemed appropriate.

**Job description**

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| **YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCES** We are looking for people who…* **either:** live in South West London, have lived experience of cancer or have cared for someone with cancer in West London, or are involved and have links within your community in South West London.
* Have confidence to voice your own opinions clearly and participate in group discussions
* Have the ability to listen and respect differing opinions
* Have an awareness and commitment of equality and diversity
* Are able to provide critical and constructive feedback
* Understand and observe the need for confidentiality when required
 | **YOUR ROLE** You will be required to… * Attend RM Partners governance meetings online and be an active member, bringing your experience to ensure that the people and community voice is represented and considered as part of our decision making
* Learn about and have oversight of the improvement work introduced by RM Partners Cancer Alliance to provide ideas and critical and constructive feedback.
* Share thoughts on topics such as developments in cancer care, lived experience or impact upon communities.
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# Interested?

**You can apply if you:**

* Are over 18
* Can commit to undertaking a Community Partner role to attend 80% of meetings over 12-months.
* Are passionate and committed to improving cancer services

In return for your time we will pay £30 for each governance meeting and we will reimburse reasonable expenses.

**How to apply?**

**If you are interested in the role please download and complete the form below and send to** rmpartners.admin@nhs.net

To find out more about the role please contact Katie Morris: 07801216768

**Deadlines for applications: Monday 6th November**

**Informal interviews will take place virtually via MS Teams on Monday 13th November**

**About RM Partners:**

* RM Partners is one of 21 Cancer Alliances established by NHS England to transform cancer care by working collaboratively with local hospital Trusts and other health and social care organisations.
* Our aim is to improve cancer experience across North West London and South West London by speeding up diagnosis and access to treatment, and supporting people affected by cancer to live as long and as well as possible.

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| **Community Partners application form** |
| **Name** |  |
| **Telephone** |  |
| **Mobile** |  |
| **e-mail** |  |
| **Preferred method of contact:** |  |
| **Do you have any access needs we should be aware of, in order to fully participate**  |  |

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| **Please give us a brief overview (250 words) of any relevant experience and why you are interested in this Community Partner role. Please bear in mind that in order to ensure a fair process, selection will be based on responses given to points raised in the job description above.**  |
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