

Opportunity to join the RM Partners Patient Advisory Group

Role:	Member RM Partners Patient Advisory Group
Commitment:	Three meetings per year, plus additional activities on a voluntary basis.
Application deadline:	8 th May 2017
Interview dates:	TBC

This is an exciting new opportunity to influence cancer services in West London.

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RM Partners believe that it is important for people who use cancer services and people who work in the system to partner together to improve the experience of care.

We want to make sure that local citizens, including cancer patients and their families are at the centre of the improvements being made through our work.

The RM Partners **Patient Advisory Group** will support the improvements being made by providing advice and insight on all matters relating to patient leadership, patients' experience of care and patient involvement in cancer service improvement. This will include the development of a guide for how people could be involved in improving cancer services in the future.

We are interested in recruiting advisory group members with experience of cancer services in [West London](#) as a local citizen, patient, carer, volunteer or member of staff. We are keen to hear about your experience of working with others to support change and improvement.

See attached **role description** for more information. To apply for this position, please complete the attached application form and return to mpartners.info@nhs.net by midday on **8th May 2017**.

Please contact mpartners.info@nhs.net if you have any questions about this role.

Member Role Description

RM Partners Patient Advisory Group

Background

In 2015, the Independent Cancer Taskforce set out an ambitious vision for improving services, care and outcomes for everyone affected by cancer. One of its recommendations was the establishment of cancer alliances, bringing together key partners at a sub-regional level, including commissioners, providers and patients, to drive and support improvement and integrate care pathways.

RM Partners is one of the 19 cancer alliances being established across England. It is part of the Cancer Vanguard, which was formed to pilot and test new models of care that will allow us to deliver at pace innovative projects that can be replicated nationally.

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Further information is available here: <http://rmpartners.cancervanguard.nhs.uk/>

Information on the organisations involved:
<http://rmpartners.cancervanguard.nhs.uk/about-us/about-rm-partners/partners/>

Patient and Family Participation

RM Partners want to ensure that patients and families are at the centre of our decision making. We have worked with our partners to develop a plan for how we will achieve this. The plan works across five connected areas:

1. Training for staff to work in new ways with patients.

2. Developing patient leaders to guide this work.
3. Developing a core set of standards and approaches for patient participation and leadership.
4. Establishing a Patient Advisory Group.
5. Introducing a patient feedback system and using it to measure improvement in cancer services.

Role Summary

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We are interested in local citizens with experience of cancer services in [West London](#) as a patient, carer, volunteer or member of staff. We are keen to hear about your experience of working with others to support change and improvement.

Commitment

We hope to recruit around 15 members. Membership is for one year in the first instance. There will be three patient advisory group meetings per year which will take place in central London in May 2017, October 2017 and February 2018.

In addition to these meetings there will be additional opportunities for members to volunteer to support the RM Partners programmes.

Who we are looking for

Members will be appointed for their personal qualities, not as representatives of patient groups or organisations. Members of the group may have experience as

community participants of some sort, patients and/or carers, volunteers or as employees of the NHS.

We are encouraging applications from local citizens who can demonstrate experience of working at a strategic level representing the views of others, or providing a “lay” voice to discussions. This might be within your work, as part of a local community initiative, with a charity or voluntary group or as a school governor. It does not have to be specific experience within healthcare.

Please note: RM Partners is for NW and SW London, see here for list of organisations involved: <http://rmpartners.cancervanguard.nhs.uk/about-us/about-rm-partners/partners/>

Selection Process

There will be a selection process for membership, involving an application form, shortlisting and an interview.

The criteria that will be used is as follows:

- Demonstration of a level of support and commitment to the RM Partners work.
- Intention to work in a team as part of the advisory group.
- An aspiration to make a positive contribution to change within the NHS.
- Experience of contributing to a change or improvement of some kind.

What you can expect

- A chance to influence cancer services in west London.
- Training opportunities to support development of your leadership skills for influencing change.
- Support in putting your learning from these opportunities into action through projects that benefit your community.
- Comprehensive and accessible information.

Expenses

Any agreed out of pocket expenses which are incurred when carrying out the Patient Advisory Group role will be reimbursed in line with the RM Partners expenses policy.

Who to contact

To apply to become a member, please complete the attached application form and return by midday on **8th May 2017**.

Please contact mpartners.info@nhs.net if you have any questions about this role.

Application Form - Member

RM Partners Patient Advisory Group

Please return to rmpartners.info@nhs.net by midday on 3rd April 2017.

Name	
Address	
Email Address	
Telephone Number	
What appeals to you about participating in the RM Partners Patient Advisory Group. (max 200 words)	
Are you a resident of, or a service user in West London? Have you had an experience of cancer services, either as a patient, carer, volunteer or staff member?	
Why do you think it is important for people who use health services and NHS staff to work together to improve things?	
How do you think you could contribute to the advisory group? Please describe your skills and experience or contribution to change. (max 800 words)	
Do you have any additional support needs that you would like help with to enable you to participate in this work? Please give details.	