Camden Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is committed to co-production. In order to achieve this we have established a working group of Camden service users and carers to work with the CCG in the development and implementation of the Mental Health Investment Programme.

The group currently has nine members who meet monthly. There is a wide range of people on the group, representing both service users and carers from Camden. We are now looking to expand this group.

**What’s required of me?**

We are looking for people who have used, or are using, mental health services of any kind in Camden, or people who care for someone who does. You will need to be 18 or over and be able to attend at least one 2–3 hour meeting a month, usually held on a Wednesday afternoon.

We are looking for people who are passionate about making the best mental health services in Camden, and excited to work with other service users and carers, as well as professionals and commissioners, to do this. New members of the group will be able to learn from the experiences of those that have been involved since July.

We will also carry out Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks for everyone that is successful in applying to join the group. These will need to be completed prior to joining the group. This means we will need you to have 3 forms of identification, including a proof of address. If you think this may be difficult for you please let us know and we can talk about it.

**How much time? And how long for?**

The working group meets once a month for 2–3 hours, usually on a Wednesday afternoon. This is the minimum commitment we need from members. There will also be other opportunities to get involved such as working on a specific project. Members are currently involved between 3 and 10 hours a month.

We would ask you to agree to join the group for a year initially – until July 2017. You could then, if you wanted to, apply to join for one more year.

**What sort of things will I do?**

At the monthly meetings the group discuss various things. This is often around the projects that the mental health investment programme is running developing – crisis work, personal health budgets, Team Around the Practice – as well as wider mental health work in Camden.

There are different ways the working group members may be involved, including:

- contributing to business cases and service specifications for new services
- helping to design services
- supporting evaluation of services
- attending project boards within the CCG
- sitting on procurement panels – evaluating different bids to provide services
- attending other service user meetings to discuss the work of the CCG
- working on and developing communication and engagement plans for CCG work.
How will I be supported?

You will be reimbursed for your time in vouchers. You will also be offered training in areas that you would like support with, to make sure you get the most out of your role within the group and feel confident to take part.

You will be supported in your role by two Project Support Managers – Josette Punter and Lindsay Riddoch – who are both experts by experience.

How will my involvement make a difference?

By taking part in the working group you will have the opportunity to feed into the various work streams of the Mental Health Investment Programme. The Mental Health Investment programme is working on things like crisis care, personal health budgets, peer mentoring and Team around the Practice. The working group have the opportunity to ask questions, give views and help steer the direction of these pieces of work. You will use your experience of services to take part in high level discussions on the mental health landscape in Camden – sitting alongside, and as a partner to, commissioners and project managers.

What happens next?

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please fill in an application form here:


If you would like a paper version instead, or have any questions on the role or process, please get in touch on mhinvolvement@camdenccg.nhs.uk or 020 3688 2084.

Applications will close on Friday 4 March 2015. All applications will then be reviewed by the team and the working group. Successful applicants will be notified by early April. If you are not successful we will contact to discuss other opportunities to get involved to help improve mental health services in Camden.

How do I get more information?

If you have any questions about the group and requirements of the role please get in touch with us. We might also be able to put you in touch with current members of the working group who could tell you a bit more about their experience of being in the group.

You can reach Lindsay or Josette on mhinvolvement@camdenccg.nhs.uk. Or on the phone you can get Lindsay on 020 3688 2084 or Josette on 020 3688 2040.