

The Saving Faces and NFORC Head and Neck Patient and Public Advisory Group

Role Description

Background:

At Saving Faces and the National Facial, Oral, and Oculoplastic Research Centre (NFORC), we strive to improve the quality of our research by including the views of patients and the public. The Saving Faces and NFORC Head and Neck Advisory group is a great opportunity for patients and the public to work with us in advising on our research ideas and studies.

This document sets out the roles and responsibilities of the volunteers who would like to participate in our advisory group.

Responsibilities:

Volunteers will offer their individual perspective and suggestions as a member of the public or a patient, client or carer having the experience of a particular illness, condition or service.

Public and Patient representatives may be asked to:

- Attend meetings of committees/groups
- Review research documents
- Contribute to the patient and public involvement (PPI) forums

Through these activities he/she may be asked to give views on the:

- Topics that the researchers are studying
- Research questions they are asking
- Wording of patient information sheets
- Methods of recruitment of patients or clients to research studies
- Burden/impact of a participant taking part in a study
- Value for money of a study
- The way in which the research findings are being shared

Person Specification:

- Essential Attributes
 - An ability to listen to others and express views in a polite but effective manner
 - Interest in and commitment to improving health and social care
 - Access to the internet to use the PPI forums on the Saving Faces website
- Desirable Attributes
 - Knowledge or experience of a specific illness or social care context
 - Knowledge or experience of the research process
 - Experience of reading documents and providing feedback

Support

Saving Faces will provide the following support to volunteers as and when required:

- Induction
- Mentorship

How to register?

We are always on the lookout for new people to join the Saving Faces and NFORC Research Head and Neck Patient and Public Group so there is no deadline to register your interest.

If you would like more information or are interested in joining our advisory group, please contact our research team on:

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