

Children and Young People's Transformation Board

Youth Board Member Role Description

Introduction

NHS England & NHS Improvement are committed to working in partnership with children and young people. We are recruiting six young people (aged 13-25 years old) to the Children and Young People's Transformation Board to be Youth Board Members for 2 years.

This is an exciting opportunity to make a difference to all children, young people and their families across England. You will have a key role in shaping how NHS services are shaped, planned and delivered. In this pack there is more information about the Board, the role, our commitments and how to apply.

Why is this important?

Children and young people (aged from 0-25) make-up approximately one third of the population. Many children and young people (CYP) will likely interact with the NHS in lots of different ways – this can be for themselves or their family and can be short or long term. It is important that the NHS listens to and involves children and young people so we can better understand how you experience health and care services and help us make them better.

The Children and Young People's Transformation Board

In January 2019, the NHS published a plan for how they want services to improve over the next 10 years – it's called the Long-Term Plan. The plan highlights how important a strong start in life is for children and young people. As a result, a Children and Young People's Transformation Programme was set up which aims to improve children and young people's services across England.

The Transformation Programme includes a Board of people who check that the work is progressing as it should. They meet every 2 months virtually or in person. The board includes people from national organisations, including NHS England & NHS Improvement, NHS Digital, The Department of Health and Social Care, the Office for Health Improvements and Disparities, Health Education England, Department of Education, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and the Royal College of Nursing.

The Board is responsible for:

- Making sure that the programme is led by people with clinical knowledge
- Ensuring that the views of children, young people, families, charities and other organisations are heard and involved in the programme.
- Letting children, young people, families and other relevant organisations know about our work and the progress we have made.
- Agreeing the overall plan for improving children and young people's services across England leading the improvement of services and health outcomes for children & young people.

Role description

What we are looking for

We are looking for young people with a range of experience of using NHS services and who want to improve NHS services for all children and young people in England. We are also looking for a diverse group in terms of age, race, gender, sexuality and geographical location.

Skills and Experience

We are interested in applications from young people who are currently using NHS services in England and young people who may have volunteered or worked with a youth group on health issues. We do not expect Youth Board Members to have knowledge or experience of every area of the NHS, but we are looking to recruit a group of youth board members that have a range of experiences of different NHS services.

We are looking for young people who are passionate about improving NHS services for children and young people. If you have experience of sharing your views to a group or audience that would be helpful. It is useful to be able to offer your opinion on information and services related to your own experiences as well as the experiences of other children and young people in England.

Links with existing children's and youth organisations and networks, as well as experience or awareness of the voices of groups of young people is desirable but not essential. Many young people facing the most challenging health issues are not heard. We would like to prioritise thinking about the most marginalised groups of children and young people. If you are part of a community which is often less heard OR you have links with organisations who specialise in working with specific groups of CYP we would love to hear from you.

This is an exciting opportunity to make a difference to children, young people and their families in England. There are also many benefits and personal development opportunities that come from being a Youth Board Member.

Read below to see what our current YBM's had to say about their role:

'Being a YMB has improved my confidence and allowed me to discover more about myself.

It's given me a deeper understanding of the inner workings of the NHS and It's broadened my horizons to a multitude of different opportunities that I can do next in the NHS.

The CYP team are also working with me to see how I can progress from this role.'

Christopher Barton – Youth Board Member



'Being a Youth Expert Advisor has been a huge part of my life. From influencing national health policy, to working with government ministers, this role has shaped my career path and provided opportunities I never thought I'd get. It's given me a space to grow, collaborate, challenge, lead, create and explore my future ambitions. I've learned more about myself in the last two years than I ever have before. 10/10 recommend.'

Bradley Gudger – Youth Expert Advisor



'While I have loved sharing my own experiences with the board and having them listened to, I found it interesting to learn more about other experiences and conditions and the work the board is doing surrounding those.

I feel that I have gained confidence to not only question others on their views but also to speak in front of a large group of people.'

Bridget Bould – Youth Board Member



The role and your commitment

We are recruiting 6 youth board members to join the Children and Young People's Transformation Board for 2 years from February 2022.

There is one Board meeting every two months. With the support of the Project Coordinator, you will be expected to commit to the following:

- Reading papers for the Board prior to the meeting (2hr-4hr commitment)
- Participating in an online call led by the Project Coordinator with other Youth Board Members to go over papers a few days before the Board, as an opportunity to discuss and understand content, as well as ask any questions before the Board meeting (1hr commitment)
- Attending CYP Transformation Board meetings online or in person once every two months (2hr commitment)
- Working with other Youth Board Members and the Board to develop new ways of working for the Board to make meetings and meeting papers easy to understand and engaging
- Developing agenda items and present to the Board, working with NHS Youth Forum and other youth organisations
- Co-chairing some meetings with Sarah Jane Marsh (Chair)
- Responding to requests from CYP workstreams in a timely manner

- Being able to respect sensitive and confidential information
- Working with Board members as part of a team to set the strategic direction of children’s services across England.

The expected time commitment will be a *minimum* of 5 hours across 2 months (i.e. for each CYP Transformation Board meeting).

Meetings will be via Microsoft Teams or in London (if in person) on the following dates (may be subject to slight change):

6 th April 2022	3 rd August 2022
15 th June 2022	12 th October 2022
	Dates TBC for 2023

Our commitment to you

Youth Board members will be supported throughout the year by the CYP Voice team. The Programme Coordinator is the direct contact for any questions, queries, or concerns any of the Youth Board Members or their caregiver has. The CYP Voice team will:

- Support Youth Board Members to actively participate at the CYP Transformation Board
- Organise meetings for Youth Board Members before Board meetings to go through papers to ensure each Youth Board Member understands the content of papers
- Ensure Youth Board Members are supported with any other transformation board business outside of meetings, such as linking Youth Board Members with youth organisations to gather their views and develop agenda items with
- Be directly contactable for any questions or issues that may arise

The Youth Board Member role is a paid role due to the time commitment and extra work required. £150 will be paid to reps per Board meeting. This includes 2-4 hours reading of papers in preparation for the meeting, 1hr preparatory meeting and 2-hour Boardmeeting. For in-person meetings travel expenses will be reimbursed to Youth Board Members and their caregiver.

Diversity and Inclusion

NHS England & NHS Improvement are committed to a personal, fair and diverse health and care system for all. Being inclusive is a fundamental value of the NHS England and NHS Improvement. We welcome applications from all eligible young people, and are particularly keen to receive applications from young people who:

- are aged 13-17.
- identify as Black, Asian, or from a minority ethnic community.
- live outside of London.
- identify as LGBTQ

How to apply

To complete and submit your application please follow the link below.

[YBM Application 2022](#)

The deadline for applications is **13th February at 23:59**.

Please answer the following questions (no more than 400 words each).

1. Why do you want to become a Children and Young People's Youth Member?

(What are your motivations and what changes to services would you like to see?)

2. What would you bring to the role?

(Experience of services, other leadership roles, your skills)

3. How will you try to listen to and represent children and young people from different groups across England?

(What groups or networks are you part of now, or how will you try to hear from different children and young people when you became a youth board member representative?)

(Please see next page for recruitment timetable and deadlines)

Recruitment timetable and deadlines

23:59, Sunday 13th February 2022	Deadline for Applications
By 28th February 2022	All candidates notified whether they've proceeded to interview
TBC February/March 2022	Interviews via Microsoft teams
TBC February/March 2022	All candidates notified of outcome of interviews

We are not able to provide feedback to applicants who have not been shortlisted for interview. However, we will be able to give feedback to candidates who have been interviewed if requested.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, deadlines or about the role please email england.cypvoice@nhs.net