**NHS England Stroke Programme**

**Patient and Public Voice Candidate FAQs**

1. **What will the meetings involve and who would participate?**

Meetings that PPV partners are involved include Stroke Delivery Board meetings, advisory group meetings and working groups, which may include a wide range of members including clinical and technical experts, charity partners and policy makers.

These groups meetings are to discuss, agree direction and provide appropriate challenge for a particular clinical workstream or project.

Other calls can include less formal meetings with the programme team and other PPV partners, as well as ad hoc meetings to input into a specific project opportunity or product in development, e.g. patient aids, online tools, etc. Most of our meetings take place virtually.

1. **What will be expected of me, over and above my experience of all of the illnesses and diseases that you have listed?**

We are looking for individuals who can represent both their own experiences, but also the views and experiences of patients & the public across all of England, even if such accounts differ from their own experiences.

In addition, we require the below skills to be demonstrated, whilst working as a PPV partner:

* Have an awareness of, and commitment to, equality and diversity.
* Ability to work creatively and collaboratively and to offer objective challenge.
* Ability and experience of listening well to the views of people, giving priority to minority groups, and representing their views.
* Experience of working in partnership with user led groups and/or with healthcare organisations is desirable.
* Ability to display sound judgement and objectivity.
* An understanding of and respect for the need for confidentiality.
* A commitment to the ‘seven principles of public life’, known as the ‘Nolan Principles’: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, leadership.

1. **You state that you want people to be able and willing to prepare - but prepare for what?**

We expect partners to review provided documentation / information in order to participate at meetings and other events.

1. **What is the Involvement Fee?**

Partners are compensated for their time. They receive £75 per half day (four hours or less), where the time commitment is two half days per month.

1. **Are you able to consider virtual or hybrid options for meetings?**

The majority of meetings that we organise will be virtual (using MS Teams), with face-to-face opportunities being optional and not very often (perhaps twice a year). Therefore, we are able to accommodate caring responsibilities.