GM Diagnostics and Pharmacy Partnership Group, Patient and Carer Representative – Role Profile

This is an outline of what your role will involve. You will have the opportunity to discuss this in more detail with our team as part of your induction.

Role Title	
GM Diagnostics and Pharmacy Partnership Group - Patient and Carer Representative.	
Location	
Usually face to face at the Christie (Withington site), occasionally it's held at Trafford Hospital.	
How often	**Any additional time commitment?**
Once every two months – on a Monday afternoon, typically 2—4pm	1 hour additional per meeting to read through any papers circulated in advance.
Tenure (length of commitment)	**Experience required**
Two years with the option to step down or reapply.	Recent experience of cancer diagnostics within last four years as patient or carer.
Supported by	**Remuneration**
Tanya Edwards – Head of Network Affairs and Engagement The PPIE Team at GM Cancer Alliance (Naomi/Rebecca/Keisha)	For any in-person meetings, we will reimburse you mileage plus car park fee or public transport fare, submitted via our expenses form.

Why we need your help
The GM Diagnostics & Pharmacy Partnership Group operates as the strategic oversight group for the Greater Manchester Diagnostics Network. This group is accountable to the GM Integrated Care Board and reports to the Provider Collaboratives, the NHSE/I Regional and National Diagnostics Boards. The purpose of the group is to ensure the continued development and delivery of high-quality diagnostic and Pharmacy services across Greater Manchester. The strategic focus of this group is as follows:

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- Reducing overall wait times

- Supporting delivery of cancer and elective pathway wait times and urgent care pathways

- Improving access to diagnostics

- Optimising use of system diagnostics capacity

- Contributing to the GM system financial position

- Supporting reduction in health inequalities

- Workforce sustainability

We are looking for two patient and carer representatives to join this group, including one with experience of cancer diagnostics. Patient and carer representatives will ensure that patients are always considered in the vision, priorities and delivery of objectives.

What experiences or skills do you need?

- Experience, as a patient or carer, of cancer diagnostics within the 10 localities of Greater Manchester, within the last four years
- Interest in, and passion to improve, diagnostics and pharmacy services across Greater Manchester
- An interest in working collaboratively to improve the outcomes and experiences of patients in Greater Manchester.
- Ability to communicate with and challenge professionals constructively and respectfully, where necessary.
- Ability to listen to and respect different perspectives, display empathy, and be open to other points of view.
- Ability to self-assess and be aware of personal emotive topics, and to speak objectively when doing so.
- An awareness of and commitment to equality and diversity.

What we need you to do

- Attend and actively participate in GM Diagnostics and Pharmacy Partnership Group meetings, or let us know if you will be unable to attend
- Read the meeting papers, which will usually be circulated 1-week before the meeting
- Engage with other Patient and Carer Representatives sitting on a range of other Programme and Pathway Boards and within the Cancer Voices Community, relaying information in an understandable format
- Champion the diverse views of patients
- Provide some challenge as a critical friend into the meetings, advising the group on the patient/carer perspective

Being a part of our Patient and Carer Voices Community means that you may be exposed to confidential information, personal or clinical, through meetings and papers distributed. It is imperative that you do not communicate any confidential information, or personal information that people have shared, external to the group setting. If you are unclear on what information you are not able to share outside of the meeting, please speak to a member of the team in the first instance.