

New patient group invites members to join and play an important role in local healthcare

NHS partners in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are inviting people passionate about health and social care to apply to sit on a new public and patient assurance group.

At a very exciting yet challenging time in the history of the NHS it is more important than ever before to have the help of vibrant and creative people, who can help to ensure that local care is designed around the needs of patients.

People who feel they can review feedback and opinions received about healthcare and decide if they have been listened to and considered, are encouraged to apply to be part of the new Public and Patient Involvement Assurance Group.

Evans Rees, Chairman of the Public and Patient Involvement Group (PPIG) said: "The NHS is precious to me and I want health and care services to be developed with a strong voice for local people and communities. The NHS is used by everyone at some point in their life, often at times when they are feeling vulnerable. It's crucial that services are planned using the experiences of patients, carers and citizens.

"I would urge people that if they have a few hours a month to dedicate to this new group, they will be helping the local NHS to provide the best health and wellbeing outcomes for other local people including their family and friends."

Members of the group will be helping to ensure that better quality care is provided in a way that is important to local residents. They will review information and assure themselves that the views of public and patients have been sought and considered when services are redesigned and delivered. The group will be at the forefront of supporting the design of plans and proposals for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Anyone interested should visit www.social-change.co.uk/leicestershire-ppiag to view the application pack and details of how to apply or contact Chloe Middleton at Social Change UK, who are managing the recruitment to ensure independence and impartiality, on 01522 775060 or email chloe@social-change.co.uk. Applications close on 6 October 2019.