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## Dorset Innovation Hub

### Help Dorset residents to live well

We are looking for Dorset residents who have used health and social care services. We would welcome your help to address Dorset's most important health and wellbeing needs.

Dorset has received independent charity funding to form a [Dorset Innovation Hub](#) (the Hub). The hub will help health and social care providers to support faster and more effective introduction of new ideas (referred to as innovations) and improvements.

#### What kind of innovations will they be?

Innovations may include:

- New ideas
- New products
- New services or models of care
- Using what has already worked well in other parts of the country

The hub will help to reduce inequalities by working with clinical teams on innovative projects. This will have a long-lasting benefit for patient care in Dorset.

#### Who are we looking for?

Dorset residents are best placed to help design and improve the services. We would like to include people from all different backgrounds in our county. We are particularly interested in hearing from people with connections to other community groups and organisations.

#### What is involved?

We plan to form a community of people who are willing to share their experiences of health and/or social care to the hub. We call this "lived experience". Your role and how much commitment will be involved can vary, but it broadly falls into two groups:

#### 1. Lived Experience Community Role

We would like to develop a community of people with lived experience of using health and/or social care services. We would ask this community to support us with set tasks such as:

- Completing a survey
- Developing communications materials (leaflets, posters, etc.)
- Attending a one-off meeting or event

We will share opportunities and invite you to respond. You can contribute as much or as little as you like and choose the opportunities that interest you most.

If you are interested in joining this community and supporting us in this way, please download the [Lived Experience Community role description](#).

## **2. Group Meeting Role**

We are also looking for four members of the public to join our groups and regularly attend group meetings (held every six to eight weeks). We would ask these individuals to share their lived experience expertise at the meetings, helping us to make sure that there is a public voice in our decision-making.

If you are interested in supporting us in this way, please download the [Group Meeting role description](#).

### **I am interested, what next?**

To register your interest in supporting the Dorset Innovation Hub, please complete the following expression of interest form by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**:

<https://forms.office.com/r/yLrnH9AqXK>

If you have any questions, please contact the Wessex Public Involvement Network\* [PublicInvolvement@uhs.nhs.uk](mailto:PublicInvolvement@uhs.nhs.uk).

\*The Wessex Public Involvement Network is supporting the Dorset Innovation Hub Community. This network is hosted at University Hospital Southampton. Wessex includes Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and South Wiltshire.