



Calderdale Vanguard Community Panel Information Sheet

Calderdale Vanguard partners have made a commitment to involve local people in the development of their new care model, Care Closer to Home. Work has already started in the Upper Calder Valley and will be rolled out across the area in the next few years.

What is the Community Panel?

The Community Panel is a group of local people who live in Calderdale who have a keen interest in their local health care community.

How you can help us

We would like people to get involved in the community panel to help make sure that the patient and carers voices are heard when developing our new model of care and to ensure that it meets the needs of local people.

There will be opportunities to be involved in different work areas, for example:

- Prevention and healthy lifestyles
- Self-managed care

We would like to hear about your interests so that we can make sure that you get involved in the right programmes of work for you. This will ensure that your contribution is appropriate to your interests, skills and the time you can offer.

Role of Community Panel Member

Community Panel members will review work plans and ideas generated by the work of the Vanguard partners and to provide feedback from the viewpoint of patient, carer or future patient.

Responsibilities:

- To have an understanding of the aims of the Vanguard programme
- To challenge the thinking of Vanguard partners
- To provide constructive and realistic feedback
- To contribute to discussions around health care in your area
- To maintain confidentiality

Experience, skills and knowledge:

- Live or work in Calderdale
- Have an interest in health care for your local area
- Good communication skills



- Commitment to representing the needs of patients and the public.

There may also be opportunities to be involved in other pieces of work such as recruiting staff or sitting on panels that decide about funding.

How many panel members are you looking for?

We are looking to set up a group with patient and carer representatives from across all areas of Calderdale who can represent the diverse demographic and geographic make up of our Borough.

Our role, the Vanguard programme

Throughout the programme members will be offered guidance, support and training where necessary. As part of being a member of the panel we will cover the cost of out of pocket expenses.

There will also be regular briefings sent out to keep members up to date with Vanguard activities.

What is the time commitment?

You can be involved in the panel as much or as little as you like. The work will be very flexible and involve some face to face meetings, email and/or telephone conversations or even being sent information by post. We hope that members will commit to being involved for at least a year, however if things change you can just let us know.

What are the next steps?

The next round of recruitment is in March 2017. If you are interested in joining the panel then please complete the online form and you will be contacted closer to March 2017.