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CPAG Citizen Patient Advisory Group

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Glossary

Acronym	Meaning
I4H	Invest4Health
CPAG	Citizen and Patient Advisory Group
PPIE	Patient Public Involvement Engagement

1 Introduction

On behalf of the Invest4Health partners, we are seeking to appoint individuals (citizens and patients) to a Citizen Patient Advisory Group (CPAG). Invest4Health (<https://invest4health.eu/>) is a 42-month EU-wide project running until 2027, which is taking the first steps in the design and testing of new finance and business models that will help healthcare providers, local governments, and communities transform how resources are shared to strengthen health promotion and disease prevention in a post-COVID pandemic world. What the pandemic taught us is that it is better to be prepared rather than repair after things go bad. Thus, we aim to shift focus from healthcare to proactive health management and prevention. The project specifically aims to involve citizens, patients, and civil society as equal decision-makers in the dialogue.

2 The impact you'll have.

Joining Invest4Health (I4H) will give you the chance to provide input into how participatory governance can be improved to involve citizens and patients in decisions about prioritizing investments in health promotion and disease prevention. The I4H project is about creating change at local, national, and European levels.

This will rely on you bringing your own views and lived experience as someone who uses health and/or social care or someone who cares for someone who does, but also more broadly thinking about how to work with anyone who is a citizen in a society.

You will work with a broad range of different stakeholders as part of the project, supporting the strategic oversight of the I4H project. But if you are from one of our 4 regional testbeds (Skåne, Sweden; West Wales, UK; Nord Rhein Westphalia, Germany; and Galicia, Spain), you may also get a chance to be involved in specific activities locally.

Some key questions that the Invest4Health project is looking at include:

- How to support sustainability in relevant financial decision-making by healthcare providers and local government services?
- What is the best way to incentivize people to adopt healthier lifestyles?
- What is the best way to measure involvement and impact?
- How to ensure public citizen and patient involvement is integrated throughout the whole project?

3 As a CPAG member you'll be required to...

- Attend and actively participate in meetings.
- Provide an independent perspective on strategic areas of work, connecting the Citizen and Patient Advisory Group and wider patient and public groups to ensure broader perspectives are brought into discussions with researchers and innovators.
- Contribute constructively and thoughtfully by giving your opinion and advice as a citizen or patient on topics like:
 - The priorities, interests, and values of citizens and patients when considering the strategy and progress of the project.
 - Being open, transparent, and accountable, considering issues relating to equality, diversity, and inclusion by being accessible and inclusive of diverse communities and groups, demonstrating impact, outcomes, and success to the population.
- Participate in group discussions, listening to, understanding, and synthesizing differing opinions to help drive and monitor progress on areas of the project's work.
- Actively participate in training and other meetings and events as agreed in advance with the PPIE lead.
- Prepare for each meeting by reading any required paperwork.
- Respond to communications and requests for input promptly.
- Respect the viewpoints of others.
- Maintain confidentiality where necessary.

4 Experiences and skills we're looking for

Experience as:

- A person who uses health and social care services, occasionally or more regularly; AND/OR
- A patient advocate or person working with relevant voluntary or support organisation in health.
- A person living in an EU member state or Associate country.

Experience of:

- Healthcare and a disease(s) (as a patient, informal carer or family member)
- Working with senior leaders at a strategic level e.g., through universities or European and/or national healthcare system (s)
- Reading and absorbing complex information (and where necessary seeking clarity through key contacts and/or through own research)
- Working as a patient or public representative in a research or healthcare environment e.g., lay member of a research funding committee or steering group for a research project

Other attributes:

- Confidence to voice own opinions clearly and constructively and participate in group discussion.

- Good communication skills and able to listen to and respect differing opinions.

Interest in:

- How financial decision making including HTA Health Technology Assessments is undertaken in relation to healthcare (this would be advantageous but not an essential part of the public contributor role)
- New business models and how digital health, remote and predictive health innovation works.
- The role of research and innovation in improving care for health for people affected by different conditions and preventing disease and promoting better health.
- Connecting with the wider patient and public population to inform own views.
- Committed to openness & transparency.
- Have an awareness of equality & diversity considerations.
- Proficient in written and spoken English. For specifics for each project see the details below.
- IT literate as meetings will be held online.

5 Conditions

Length of Role

Members hold their post for an initial period of 24 months, with the potential for extension or renewal for the current duration of funding. Members will be invited to an informal interview undertaken by the PPIE facilitator. Vacancies will be advertised widely to be inclusive and diverse.

Location

Meetings will be held online by video conference (Zoom, Microsoft Teams) and some may also occur in each of the 4 testbeds: Wales, UK, Galicia, Spain, Nord Rhine Westphalia, Germany and Skane region, Sweden)* *not all members of the CPAG are expected to attend all the meetings, specific details will follow.*

Time Commitment

An induction session to help you prepare for the role (1 hour). Strategic Project meetings will run throughout the I4H project. If you are attending the Citizen and Patient Advisory Group, CPAG, we expect there to be no more than 4 project meetings (possibly less) in the year, and an expected time commitment of approximately 1 –1.5 hour per meeting. Regular breaks will be provided.

We expect to create different working groups of both citizens, patient Public Contributors that will support the project's activities in different ways with different amounts of time commitment that we expect for the different tasks. The degree of involvement and participation in these working groups will be determined as the project

progresses. These may for example include: working on communications material for the public facing section of the website, thinking about questions to run a workshop with other stakeholders including policy makers and civil society etc.

The expected time commitment of approximately 1-3 hours in each of the working groups will be determined after consultation and joint decision making with all the project partners and members of the EAB board.

**Payment:
Honoraria and Expenses
policy**

An honorarium payment is offered in recognition of your contribution. This covers attendance at meetings and when invited to review documents. Reasonable travel and accommodation where appropriate expenses are agreed in advance, when needed, will also be covered for those Public Contributors attending face-to-face events in the regional test beds.

6 How to apply

Email **Jenny Camaradou** at jenny@healthclusternet.eu expressing your interest in the Public Contributor roles for the Invest4Health project PPIE opportunities. Ensure you submit the IH4 application form. A CV (curriculum vitae) is optional but can be included if available. List your experience in health and/or social care research along with your country of residence. All information provided will be kept secure and confidential and will only be used for recruiting Public Contributors for the CPAG of the Invest4Health project, in compliance with EU GDPR data protection rules.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a videoconference interview in March 2023, scheduled at a mutually convenient time between the applicant and the PPIE facilitator. For accessibility requests or alternative format requirements, please contact us via email.

An induction session will precede the first project meeting (conducted via videoconference) and will be arranged at a time convenient for successful candidates joining the CPAG, Citizen Patient Advisory Group.

Being proficient in English language is required as the working language of the CPAG is English although some of the activities in the test beds will be performed in local language.

For any questions concerning this opportunity, please email the PPIE facilitator:

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