

People and Communities Assembly – putting the public voice at the heart of what we do

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Introduction

Thank you for your interest in joining the People and Communities Assembly. Our aim is to bring together a wide range of people who can help us really listen to the people of Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

We are looking for people who can:

- Tell us how to share information – especially for those who don't have access to digital channels
- Advise us on how to hear people's views
- Show us where to find people that we often miss
- Support us to build strong relationships with the public
- Hold us to account – to make sure we are doing engagement right

The Assembly will include representatives from organisations such as Healthwatch and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector but also members of the public who can show us how to get into grass roots communities

Public members

Public members will be drawn from a range of stakeholder groups to support engagement with our many different and diverse communities.

The role of public members will be to:

- Identify groups or channels that could be used to get the views of the public
- Advise us on how to adapt our approach for a particular group
- Alert us to groups or communities that we might not be reaching through existing channels
- Share information about best practice or things to avoid

How you can apply

If you would like to join our People and Communities Assembly, please get in touch to tell us:

- Who you are
- Which group or community you could support us to engage with
- Any previous experience you have
- What does engagement mean to you

To answer these questions you can:

- Complete our on-line registration form – please note the form is compatible with translation software and screen <https://nhs.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=165943437704>
- Request a copy of the registration form in an accessible format i.e. paper copy by emailing ssotics.comms@nhs.net or by calling 0333 150 2155
- Send us a video clip answering the questions above to ssotics.comms@nhs.net
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