

# JOB DESCRIPTION AND PERSON SPECIFICATION

Job Title: Health Engagement and Projects Officer

**Responsible To:** CEO Healthwatch Sutton

Grade: £28,000 - £31,000 Full Time Equivalent per annum (pro-rata

for 3 days a week)

**Hours:** Part-time - 3 days (21 hours) per week

Some unsociable hours for which time off in lieu is given.

**Length of Contract:** Permanent (Subject to annual contract renewal at the

beginning of each financial year).

### **Purpose of Post**

 To plan, implement and deliver projects that support Primary Care Networks (PCNs groups of GP practices working together) to engage with their local communities.

- To support NHS Sutton in the delivery of engagement initiatives to ensure that local people's views influence decision-making in health and social care.
- To maintain and develop the effectiveness of the Patient Reference Group (PRG a group of representatives from all the GP practices' Patient Participation Groups (PPGs))
- To provide ongoing support and development to GP Practice Patient Participation Groups and their members

# **Main Responsibilities**

### PCN Support

- 1. Design and deliver borough-wide projects to support PCN development and assist NHS Sutton with any associated projects.
- 2. Work with GP practice leads and support staff for the 4 PCNs in the Borough to identify their engagement needs based on their local population.
- 3. Enable them to develop a Community Engagement Plan that supports them to advance on the PCN Maturity Matrix (NHS) in terms of community engagement.

- 4. Give guidance, advice and support to deliver the PCN Community Engagement Plans.
- 5. Initiate and support the collaboration of PPGs within each PCN.

### PRG and PPG Support

- 1. To provide strategic guidance and clear governance to the Patient Reference Group (PRG).
- 2. To manage and administer all aspects of the regular meetings held by the PRG
- 3. To maximise the engagement potential between PRG members (and their practice populations) and NHS Sutton through the PRG.
- 4. To provide advice and support to PPGs and their GP practices to ensure PPGs and their GP practice work together effectively

### General

- 1. To prepare project plans and reports relating to all aspects of this role.
- 2. To take part in activities related to Healthwatch Sutton and Community Action Sutton.

#### PERSON SPECIFICATION

#### **Essential**

Skills/Abilities/Knowledge

- 1. Excellent project management skills and proven experience of delivery of effective projects.
- 2. Strong influencing skills and ability to affect change.
- 3. Well organised with the ability to prioritise workload.
- 4. Desire to support the drive to improve the health and care for local people.
- 5. Ability to work with diverse groups of people from a wide variety of backgrounds.
- 6. Ability to empower communities and individuals to have a voice.
- 7. Knowledge and understanding of local Healthwatch and Healthwatch England.
- 8. Knowledge and understanding of voluntary organisations, the NHS, Local Authorities and the health and social care sector.
- 9. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- 10. Ability to produce quality written content for a variety of audiences.
- 11. Excellent computer literacy levels.
- 12. Ability to work on own initiative.
- 13. Problem-solving and conflict resolution.
- 14. Skills to work co-operatively and proactively as part of a team.
- 15. Good understanding of equality and diversity.

#### Experience

#### Essential

- 1. Demonstrable delivery of successful projects.
- 2. Experience in a community engagement/development role.
- 3. Problem-solving.
- 4. Use of MS Office including Teams, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook etc.

# Desirable

- 1. Experience of working with clinicians and NHS staff (in particular GPs and their support staff).
- 2. Experience of working with patient/user representatives.