



Getting involved with the work of NHS Grampian

Evolving through **Involving...**





What is Public Involvement?

All NHS Boards in Scotland have a legal duty to involve people in designing, developing and delivering healthcare services. NHS Grampian is committed to listening and responding to the view of patients and carers, and involving the public to ensure:

- We provide the best possible care and experience for patients
- We take account of public opinion when we plan and develop current and future health services

What are Public Representatives?

One of the ways the NHS Grampian Public Involvement Team supports these activities through the Public Involvement Network (PIN). The PIN is comprised of people from a range of backgrounds and experience, who want to be involved in the work of NHS Grampian, and have given permission for their details to be held on our database. Through this database, we share information about opportunities to get involved. People who volunteer their time in this way are called Public Representatives.





Who can become a Public Representative?

Becoming a member of the PIN would suit someone who has an interest in the work of NHS Grampian, or an interest in health care services. You don't need to have any special skills or qualifications. Training will be provided and you will receive ongoing support from the Public Involvement Team.

When would I need to be available?

Times vary depending on the piece of work you decide to become involved in. Opportunities available to PIN Members can vary, ranging from a one day conference or focus group, or completing questionnaires, to ongoing pieces of work that have monthly meetings throughout the year, and everything in between.

Where does Public Involvement take place?

The majority of Public Involvement takes place around hospital sites in Grampian, however, there can also be opportunities to get involved in developments in your local community and other community based events. If you have access to a computer, there are opportunities to support engagement activities remotely, such as giving feedback about documents and completing surveys.



How can I get involved?

Getting involved is easy, simply complete the attached application form and return it by post to, Freepost, NHS Grampian (no stamp needed). You will be added to the PIN Database, and begin to receive emails from us about opportunities as they become available. You are under no obligation to accept offers, and if you have any questions, you can contact us anytime by phoning **01224 558098**, or by emailing **gram.involve@nhs.scot**

Where can I find out more?

You can find out more about Public Involvement by going to our website, search for 'NHS Grampian Involving You' for further details about our work.

You can also follow us on Twitter **@NHSGinvolve**



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