



One Post Available for the Medicines for Women's Health Expert Advisory Group

The Commission on Human Medicines (CHM) is looking to appoint one Lay Member to the Medicines for Women's Health Expert Advisory Group (MWH EAG).

The MWH is an EAG of the CHM which advises the Licensing Authority (Health Ministers) on the safety, quality and efficacy of medicines for human use and to promote the collection and investigation of adverse drug reactions. The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) seeks independent advice from the CHM.

The MWH EAG remit covers applications for new medicines and safety issues arising with medicines which are already in clinical use for the following:

- contraception • assisted reproduction • obstetrics and gynaecology • menopause • osteoporosis • endocrinology (for men or women) • safety of use of medicines during pregnancy

Lay Member

The main role of the lay member is to ensure that the perspective of patients, carers and the general public are represented and considered in all aspects of the committee's work. Our lay members come from a variety of different backgrounds and generally will not be an expert in a field of relevance to the EAG in which they are a member. Lay members are expected to:

- be able to assimilate and interpret complex scientific information and share individual expertise or experience on specific topics or items to complement the scientific information under consideration;
- be able and prepared to contribute actively to the work of the EAG by providing a non-specialist contribution to discussions about medicines from patient and public perspectives;
- be a skilled communicator;
- be willing to develop a working knowledge and understanding of UK medicines/devices regulatory framework and procedures;
- maintain strict confidentiality with respect to the work of the EAG;
- be willing to declare conflicts of interest and comply with the [Code of Practice](#);
- be committed to the values of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, professionalism, impartiality and consistency.

Lay members are individuals who sit on our advisory committees to provide a non-specialist contribution to discussions. The phrase 'lay member' refers to a member of one of our advisory committees or groups who has personal experience of living with a condition and its current therapeutic environment. The phrase could also refer to someone from a community affected by the advice provided by the advisory committee or group.

Lay members fulfil an important committee role by contributing a patient perspective to the work of the advisory committee or group, or by representing the broader community potentially affected by their advice.

People with healthcare professional qualifications or professional experience of working in an area relevant to the work of the advisory committee or group, are not eligible to apply for a lay member role.



Lay members have full rights to participate in the discussion and must comply with the [Code of Practice](#). Remuneration will be £200 per meeting, for a time commitment of up to 8 meetings per year.

The MHRA determines the length of appointment, which will be two years initially with the possibility to extend to four years thereafter.

If you are interested in joining the MWH EAG please email your application form, CV, completed declaration of interests and monitoring form to CSTRecruitment@mhra.gov.uk, quoting the position and reference MWH25-3 in the subject field.

Please ensure that you provide evidence to support how you meet all of the essential criteria.

If you require an alternative format please call the Appointments Team on 020 3080 6060 quoting reference MWH25-3.

The closing date for applications is Friday 25 April 2025. The MHRA value and promote diversity and encourage applications from all sections of the community.



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