My name is Celia Hulme from the University of Manchester, and I am involved in a research project titled 'Interpreters For Mental Health Act Assessments – INForMHAA' funded by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) School for Social Care Research (SSCR) - https://www.sscr.nihr.ac.uk/projects/p172/. The project principal investigator is Professor Alys Young (alys.young@manchester.ac.uk).

The project seeks to explore challenges and good practices of interpreter-mediated assessments by Approved Mental Health Practitioners (AMHPs) in cases when interpreters are involved also. Within this project, I am responsible for the Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) activities.

This includes the setting up of a PPIE panel which will consist of up to 8 members from different cultural and language backgrounds who have had personal involvement, whether as a patient or carer with a Mental Health Act assessment. By this we mean assessments under the Mental Health Act 1983 that may lead to compulsory or voluntary admission to hospital. We are interested specifically in service users and carers' experiences involving spoken or signed language interpreters. However, we welcome the views of any service user or carer who has experience of Mental Health Act assessments even if they have no direct experience of interpreters. We believe their views on the topic would be very helpful.

INForMHAA Panel member criteria
- Have direct experience of Mental Health Act assessments as a service user or a carer **with or without** spoken/signed language interpreters
- Be comfortable in working with members of different cultures and genders
- Be 18 years old or older
- Must have some knowledge of online technology such as Zoom as all training and meetings will all take place online.

We ask for your support and assistance to help us identify people who may be interested in supporting this research project based on the above criteria who might join this panel. We are happy for you to approach people directly you know and if they are interested to pass on their details to us or just to distribute the posters and further details enclosed/attached.

Expectations. PPIE panel members will:
- Work closely with the INForMHAA team from November 2021-July 2022
- Attend panel member training (interpreters will be provided)
- Advise on project data collection design by sharing personal experiences
- Be involved in data collection alongside research team members
- Have the opportunity to take part in dissemination of the research results

Panel members will be paid for all their involvement in the project's activities according to the NIHR rates of pay for PPIE involvement.

It would be very much appreciated if you could share/advertise the poster attached with your organisation, networks, or individuals.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Kind regards

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