

Role Description

Role Title	Clinical Senate Assembly 'Expert by Experience' Member
Who can apply?	<p>Membership of Clinical Senate Assembly is open and offered to all health and care professionals of all grades. It is also open to individuals working in health and care in a non-clinical role (e.g. commissioners, social workers).</p> <p>Clinical Senate also welcomes (non-clinical) public and patient representatives or 'Experts by Experience' members to provide a user / carer / member of the public perspective.</p>
Remuneration	<p>Clinical Senate Assembly membership is unpaid.</p> <p>The East of England Clinical Senate will reimburse only those members who do not hold a paid position in either the public, private or third sector, for their out-of-pocket expenses incurred whilst undertaking approved Senate Assembly activity, consistent with NHS England policies.</p> <p>Expert by Experience members may also be entitled to a half or full day rate for involvement in Clinical Senate activities (i.e. Clinical Review Panels, Senate Council meetings) in line with NHS England policy.</p>
Time commitment	<p>Members will be invited to Clinical Senate Assembly and/or Council meetings and events but are not obliged to attend. They may be invited to be a member of Clinical Review Panels or work groups, much of which is likely to be virtual and time required will be dependent entirely upon each specific piece of work. Clinical Review Panels tend to be no longer than one day and will require some pre-reading beforehand.</p>
Tenure	<p>Formal renewal is not necessary, therefore upon approval of their application, successful applicants will retain their membership indefinitely. However, Assembly membership can be terminated for any of the reasons detailed in the East of England Clinical Senate: Terms of Reference & Conduct of Business</p>
Responsible to	<p>East of England Clinical Senate Chair</p>
Responsible for	<p>Using their experience of national, regional and/or local health or care systems to assist commissioners/providers to make the best decisions to improve patient outcomes and care.</p>

Core Activities of Clinical Senate Assembly

- Support Clinical Senate Council to respond to requests for independent advice and strategic clinical leadership
- Provide a virtual and face-to-face networking opportunity to build links within the clinical community and share best practice
- Establish Clinical Review Panels and working groups to advise on and support service and system development and design that will provide the best overall care and improved outcomes for patients
- Hear from leading UK and international thinkers on healthcare reform to remain at the forefront in terms of clinical leaders' knowledge and insight and contribute to related debate
- Maintain a broad perspective, focusing on all elements of patient pathways, including physical and mental health in all health and care settings to identify opportunities for and support improvement
- Provide support and, where appropriate, leadership to fellow clinicians and professionals across the health system.

Membership of Clinical Senate Assembly

Clinical Senate Assembly is a diverse multi-disciplinary membership body that encompasses the full range of health and care professionals from the pre-natal to end of life spectrum, across all health and care settings.

Expert by Experience Members have an equal role and input in Clinical Senate. Their participation in Clinical Review Panels and working groups is crucial to ensure that the user / carer / public perspective and voice is included when proposals for service change are being considered. Clinical Senate has a role in supporting and assisting commissioners/providers to make the best decisions for patients, that proposals are safe, sustainable and will improve outcomes for patients.

Non-clinical Clinical Senate Assembly members, not employed in any health or care setting (Experts by Experience Members) will be expected to have a basic understanding of the health and care system for example the role of commissioners and providers. They should also be aware of national and local health and care issues.

Role Purpose and Key Requirements

Clinical Senate Assembly members will support the Clinical Senate Council to provide independent clinical advice and leadership to the health and care economy on how services should be designed and improved to provide the best overall care and outcomes for patients.

Members will not be obliged or committed to attend regular meetings but will be invited to participate in Clinical Review Panels or working groups in which they have experience or a stated personal interest. Agreement to participate in a working group will require a commitment to fully participate. Clinical Senate will endeavour to make as much of the work as possible, and where appropriate, 'virtual' to support Assembly members and eliminate travel when possible.

Assembly members of Clinical Review Panels and working groups may be invited to attend Senate Council meetings. Published advice and reports will credit Assembly members and a short biography will be included.

Clinical Senate advice is independent; Expert by Experience Senate Assembly members involved in Clinical Review Panels attend in their capacity, they do not represent any health or care provider or commissioning body or any other health or public sector body (for example, Healthwatch or Local Authority). As a member of Clinical Review Panels or working groups they will be expected to

- Contribute in a constructive manner, bringing the user / carer / public perspective and voice in considering issues of strategic importance to improving healthcare across the East of England and provide independent advice to statutory bodies;
- Commit to fully participate in the Clinical Review Panel or working group;
- Champion the recommendations and advice of the Clinical Senate and assist in communicating this to the wider clinical community and key stakeholders, including members of the public;
- Promote and raise the profile of Clinical Senate.

Assembly Members will be required to ensure compliance with all confidentiality and governance requirements of the Clinical Senate and NHS England, adhere to relevant professional codes of conduct and champion the NHS Constitution.

Clinical Senate Expert by Experience Person Specification

Qualities and experience required for Expert by Experience Members of the Clinical Senate Assembly:

- A general interest in improving the quality of the East of England's health services and outcomes for patients (*this role is not about specific services or conditions*)
- An understanding of how health and social care services are organised, for example, primary, secondary and specialist care, Local Authority and voluntary sector roles
- An ability to provide impartial input about the needs and experiences of patients, carers and the public through involvement with local communities and networks; for example involvement in service user groups within your local NHS or area
- An ability to draw on and present views from your networks and communities, as well as your own, and to offer constructive advice and challenge to senior health and care professionals (for example, senior doctors, nurses, social services and public health professionals) in a large group environment
- A commitment to improving equality, valuing diversity and reducing health inequalities.

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