

Join our Population Health Data Advisory Panel



Are you interested in how patient and public health data are used in research?

We are looking for **members of the public** (from East of England) to join our **Population Health Data Advisory Panel** - part of NIHR Applied Research Collaboration East of England (ARC EoE).



About NIHR ARC EoE

- Part of a national network (one of 15 ARCs across England).
- Funded by NIHR to improve the health and care of patients and the public.
- Brings together researchers, health and social care professionals and communities.
- Ensures research reflects the needs of people across the East of England.



About the Population Health Data Advisory Panel

- Sits within the **Measurement in Health and Social Care** theme of NIHR ARC EoE.
- Includes approximately 20 researchers and NHS staff from across the region.
- Strengthens collaboration across organisations.
- Addresses challenges around the safe and effective sharing of data.
- Helps improve the health of the people living in the East of England and beyond.
- See: [ARC East of England Population Health Data Advisory Panel | ARC East of England](#)



Your role

- Attend **two panel meetings per year**
 - o Attend a **30-minute pre meeting** prior to the panel to discuss the agenda.
 - o Attend a **two-hour** panel meeting either **online** or **in person** (weekday lunchtime at Addenbrookes campus in Cambridge, with lunch provided).
 - o Contribute your views to discussions about data, research & public perspective.
- Outside of meetings:
 - o Help develop **plain-language public information materials** (such as the panel's terms of reference or descriptions of secure data environments).
 - o Attend an **online introductory training session** (1 hour) about the data panel and the wider health research environment.



What will be discussed?

- Research updates and new project ideas.
- Data access and data sharing.
- Information governance, data protection and informed consent.



Who we're looking for

- Interest in the use of **administrative data** e.g. government, council, charity, health, or large-organisation data (experience in administrative data is helpful but not essential).
- Interest in **ethical issues** around sharing, accessing and using data for research.
- Ability to bring a **public perspective** to discussions.

Because this opportunity is specifically for public contributors, we cannot accept applications from individuals who are working in healthcare, NHS policy/governance or a research organisation.



Support and payment

- An initial **one-hour training session** about the data panel and research environment.
- A dedicated public involvement contact who can answer questions.
- Optional payment for your time (either vouchers or payment) in line with **NIHR public contributor payment policy** of £27.50/hour:
 - o Training (1 hour) plus ongoing support as needed;
 - o Panel pre meeting (30mins, twice per year);
 - o Panel meetings (2 hours each, twice per year);
 - o Any additional work supporting production of public facing materials.
- Travel expenses reimbursed for in-person attendance.
- £5 for remote participation (covering home-working costs e.g. internet, printing).



Will payment affect tax or benefits?

- Payment is optional. You are responsible for informing HMRC of any payments received (we do not deduct tax or National Insurance from payments). Vouchers are also considered taxable income.
- Payment may affect state benefits - inform Jobcentre Plus if applicable.



Accessibility

- We aim to be inclusive and accessible.
- Information available in different formats such as audio or easy read.
- In person meetings are wheelchair accessible held on the ground floor with toilets.
- Reasonable adjustments available – just let us know.



Interested? Get in touch!

If you would like to learn more or express interest, we would love to hear from you! Please contact Helen Risebro (h.risebro@uea.ac.uk). I work flexibly, so if you would prefer to speak in person, please leave a message with your phone number and I will call you back (01603 591444).