

Bipolar Data Manager opportunity



Background

James Lind Alliance (JLA) Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) consist of patients/carers, members of groups that represent their interests and the health professionals who treat them. PSPs are led by a steering group to guide the partnership with an independent Chair, the JLA Adviser. Collaboration of this sort, where patients and clinicians together set the research agenda is growing in popularity, and considered vital by many. For more information on the Bipolar Partnership, see this link:

<http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/research/patients/priority-setting-partnerships/bipolar/default.aspx>

The role of a PSP is to gather, from patients, carers and health and social care professionals, researchable questions, and then to prioritise these for research funding. The Bipolar PSP has been set up to identify and prioritise unanswered and researchable questions about bipolar- its causes, diagnosis, treatment, care and prognosis.

The role

The role will involve:

- Cleansing and categorising the data from the initial online Bipolar survey:
<http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/research/patients/priority-setting-partnerships/bipolar/survey.aspx>
- Formatting submissions into PICO in full format
- Liaising with members of the Bipolar steering group on work to check evidence base for systematic reviews and identify questions to which answers are in fact known
- Preparing a long list of uncertainties to go to the partnership for interim prioritisation
- Coordinating the data for interim prioritisation and final prioritisation, and the final importing of data into UK DUETS. The UK Database of Uncertainties about the Effects of Treatments publishes treatment uncertainties from patients, carers, clinicians, and from research recommendations, covering a wide variety of health problems. <http://www.library.nhs.uk/duets/>
- Providing regular updates of progress to the JLA project team and Steering group and working within overall timescales agreed across the partnership

The person

The individual we are looking for is someone with:

- Database management experience, with an understanding of the need for handling personal data confidentially
- Comfortable with managing and categorising large amounts of qualitative data, and of PICO principles
- Experience of medical terminology
- Attention to detail - methodical and organised
- Ability to work to deadlines
- Ability to communicate complex data to patients, carers and health and social care professionals
- Familiarity with JLA process ideally
- Critical appraisal skills are desirable
- Awareness of bipolar, ideally

The timescale/contract

- We estimate that this will be a 2 day a week project (.4 WTE) over a 4 month period, with flexibility of time input (e.g. 3 short days). The PSP would negotiate with the individual if additional support beyond the contract is required
- We would like to appoint someone into the role to start around the end of November 2014, running through to March/April 2015
- The work would be carried out through a contract between the Partnership and the individual at an agreed commercial rate, or via an in house arrangement with an organisation (if an in house arrangement, post would be at Band 6)

If you are interested

- Please send CV and background information about your interest in the post to Sandra Regan at Sandra.Regan@ouh.nhs.uk
- If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please contact Tom Hughes on 0113 3056965 or Jennifer Rendell on 01865 226465
- **We would like expressions of interest by 14th November**



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