



Expression of Interest

Consumer Representative with lived experience of a genetic condition

Have you or someone you care for accessed genetic health care?

Would you like to help shape how these services are planned and delivered in WA?

The WA Department of Health is seeking expressions of interest from people with lived experience of a genetic condition or accessing genetic testing (either personally, as a career, or family member), to join the WA Genomics Strategy Implementation Committee (the Committee) as a Consumer Representative.

This is an opportunity to help ensure the experiences, priorities and perspectives of consumers and families shape the future delivery of genomic health care in Western Australia.

We are seeking one new Consumer Representative to join three existing consumer representatives on the Committee.

About the WA Genomics Strategy 2022-2032

The [WA Genomics Strategy 2022-2032 \(the Strategy\)](#) outlines a coordinated approach to integrate genomics into routine clinical care and enable precision medicine and precision public health across the WA health system.

The Committee provides guidance and strategic advice to the WA Department of Health on the Strategy's implementation and oversee the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation process.

About the role

Consumer Representatives help ensure the experiences, priorities and perspectives of consumers, families and carers are reflected in strategic discussions and decisions about genomic health care in Western Australia.

As members of the committee, they contribute lived experience, consumer insights and broader community perspectives to help inform the Committee's advice, priorities and activities in support of the WA Genomics Strategy.

The Committee's Consumer Representatives are responsible for:

- providing a consumer perspective and advice on the planning, development and implementation of projects and decisions regarding the Strategy
- identifying and raising issues, opportunities and priorities relevant to consumers, families and carers in relation to genomic healthcare services
- providing advice to the Committee on when and how other consumers, carers and communities should be engaged to inform decisions and activities.

We are looking for someone who can draw on their own lived experience while also seeking, considering and bringing forward the views and experiences of consumers, families and carers whose perspectives may differ from their own.

Time Commitment

The Committee generally meets twice each year, usually in March and September, with meetings (up to two hours each) held either online or in person during business hours.

In addition to attending meetings (approximately two hours each), members are expected to:

- review meeting papers and agenda items before each meeting (up to two hours),
- attend a pre-meeting discussion with the other consumer representatives on the Committee (approximately one hour); and
- respond to occasional email emails and requests on documents, projects or other work between meetings.

Membership terms are ongoing; however, consumer representatives may choose to step down from the role at any time.

The successful applicant will receive an orientation to the Committee and ongoing support from the Secretariat and existing Consumer Representatives to assist them in participating effectively in Committee discussions and activities.

Selection Criteria

We welcome applications from people with a range of consumer leadership experiences. Relevant experience may have been gained through participation in consumer or community groups, advocacy activities, consultations, service improvement projects, advisory groups, committees, co-design activities or other opportunities to contribute to decisions affecting consumers, carers or communities.

Formal policy or governance experience is not required. However, applicants should be able to demonstrate experience contributing beyond their own personal lived experience.

The following criteria outline the skills, knowledge and experience we are looking for.

Essential

1. Lived experience of a genetic condition or accessing genetic health care, either personally, as a carer, or as a family member.
2. A commitment to improving consumer experiences and outcomes in genetic health care.
3. Ability to consider experiences and perspectives beyond their own, and awareness of the views, concerns and needs of a range of consumers, including groups that may need to be included in consultation and engagement activities.
4. Experience contributing to consumer representation, advisory, consultation, advocacy or decision-making activities beyond their own personal lived experience, including the ability to draw on broader consumer and community perspectives relevant to Western Australia.
5. Ability to work collaboratively with others, listen to different perspectives, and contribute respectfully and constructively to group discussions and shared decision-making.
6. Ability to communicate ideas and experiences clearly.
7. Ability to participate in online meetings using Microsoft Teams or similar platform. Please let us know if you require support adjustments.
8. Ability to respond occasionally to emails or requests for feedback between meetings.

Desirable

The following types of experience would strengthen an application but are not required:

1. Experience participating in committees, advisory groups or other consultative bodies.
2. Familiarity with policy development, service planning, service improvement or evaluation activities.
3. Experience contributing to research, co-design, consultation or engagement processes.
4. Familiarity with genetic or genomic healthcare services beyond personal lived experience.

Our commitment to diversity

We are committed to ensuring a diverse range of consumer perspectives are represented.

We strongly encourage applications from:

- Aboriginal people
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities
- people living with disability
- people living in regional, rural and remote Western Australia.

Paid participation

Consumer representatives will be remunerated for their time at the Department of Health's Advisor participation rate of \$75 per hour, in line with the *Consumer, Carer and Community Paid Participation in Engagement Activities Policy*.

Reimbursement may also be available for some out-of-pocket travel costs, such as parking, when meetings are held in person.

How to apply

Interested individuals can submit an Expression of Interest on:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/uhVUQiNwK9>.

The application is expected to take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete. Applications close at **5:00 pm (AWST) on Sunday 20 September**.

Before applying, applicants are encouraged to review the **Selection Criteria** to understand the skills and experience sought for the role.

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to an informal conversation about their interest and experience.

For further information about the role, please contact the Office of Population Health Genomics on (08) 6373 3874 or genomics@health.wa.gov.au. Please contact us if you need this information in another format or require adjustments or support to apply or participate.

Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application following completion of the selection process.

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with disability.

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