**Information**

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**People’s Voice Registration Form**

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Strategic Clinical Network – a group of people who are concerned about health and care services. They work together to try to make services better in their area.

Date: February 2014

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In the Cheshire and Merseyside Strategic Clinical Network (SCN) professionals, organisations and service users work together. They do this to make plans which lead to better health and wellbeing and to better patient care.



We want to make sure that the voices of the public, of patients and carers are at the centre of everything we do. We will only make decisions about all our activities after listening carefully to the people who use and care about health and wellbeing services.



**People’s Voice**

Growing the ‘People’s Voice’ is at the heart of this work. It will have members who are patients, carers and members of the public. It is there to support these people to get involved in making changes to health and care services to make these services better.



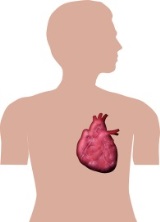
We really want to work with people who are interested in our work.  This includes the people above and also:

* Charities
* Patient groups
* Voluntary and community organisations

People who sign up with us will get information about the SCN’s work. They will also have the chance to get involved in different ways.

The network is for these areas to start with:

* Cancer



* Cardiovascular disease:

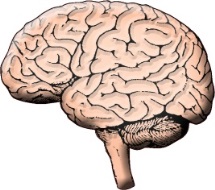
Heart / Kidney / Stroke / Diabetes

Cardiovascular – about the heart and blood.



* Maternity, Children and Young People

Maternity – about being pregnant and having babies.

* Mental Health/Dementia/Neurological Conditions

Neurological – includes epilepsy, Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s disease.

* Palliative and End of Life Care

Palliative – helping with the problems an illness causes like pain, often at the end of someone’s life.

It is a chance for you to use your voice to help us understand what we could do better. Your experiences are really important to us. We want to use them in a helpful way to make health and care services better.

If you decide to join us we will keep your details on our computer in a safe place. It will not be possible for anyone to see your details unless you say that it is OK for this to happen.

**Who can join the People’s Voice?**



People who sign up with us may be:

* Patients at the moment.
* People who have been patients before.
* Carers.
* Members of the public.
* Support groups.
* Charities and voluntary organisations.

We want the ‘People’s Voice’ to have as many different kinds of people in it as possible. We want people of all ages, from different cultures and communities.



**What will you be able to do?**

It is up to you what you do. The choices are:

* Join the Network Oversight Group or one of the Steering Groups.

Oversight – making sure that something is working.

Steering – making choices about what will happen in the future.

* Join a Task and Finish, Sub Group or Special Interest Group.



* Do surveys or questionnaires.



* Answer questions using email.
* Speak to groups.
* Tell your story.



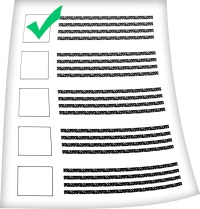
* Go to conferences or events.



* Go to training workshops.

You can be involved in the ‘People’s Voice’ for as long as you want. Please tell us if you want us to take your details off our computer.

If you decide to join one of our groups you will be paid for travel to get to meetings, mileage (if travelling by car), bus or train fare (at standard class) tunnel and parking fees.

**What you can expect from us:**

* + - We will give you details of opportunities that you may find interesting.
    - We will ask for your ideas about things that are happening if you have said you want to do this.



* + - We will send you news sheets about our activities.



If you have any questions or would like more information please contact us by email or phone.

**Equalities monitoring information**



We think it is very important to make contact with people from all backgrounds, cultures, communities and of different ages. To make sure we include everyone, we want to find out some information about you.



You do not have to answer all our questions. But having this information will help us to make sure we do not miss anybody out.

The kind of information we want to find is:



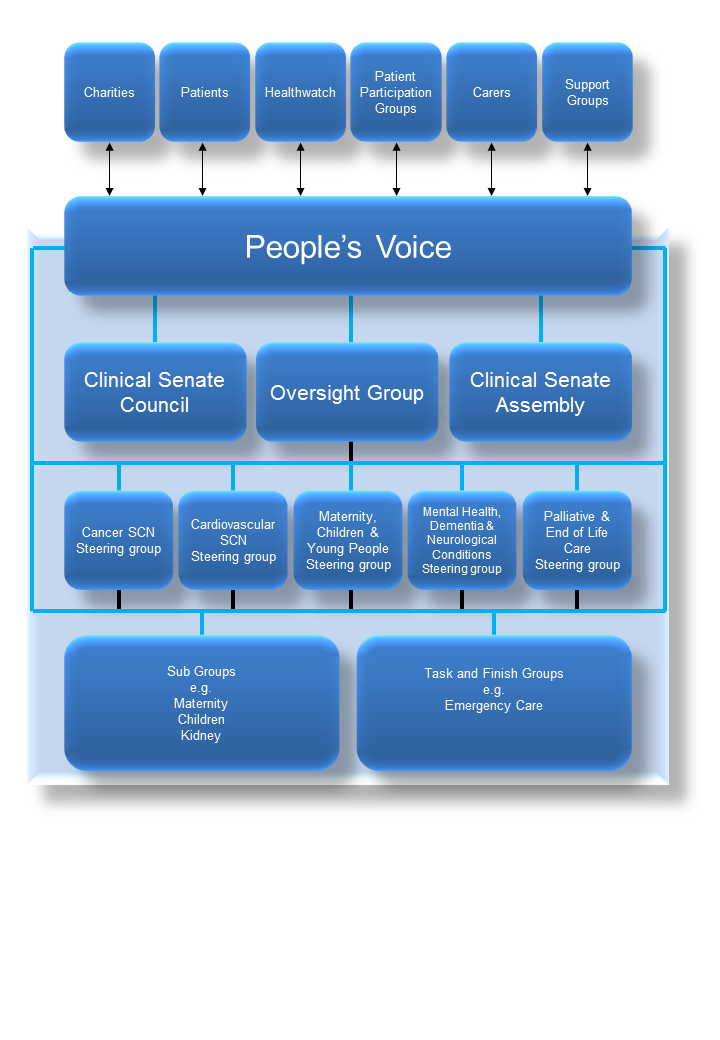
* Disability
* Ethnicity (your family background)

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* Gender (whether you are a man or a woman)

Thank you for your interest in the ‘People’s Voice’. If you decide to join we will value what you say. It will help us make a difference to the services in our area.

**Where the People’s Voice fits in:**



**Links**

Cheshire and Merseyside Peoples Voice will make links with other partners such as the NHS Citizen and the NHS England Youth Forum.

**For more information please contact:**

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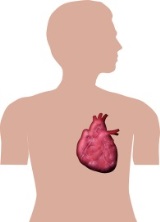
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**Or email –** [**Gloria.payne@nhs.net**](mailto:Gloria.payne@nhs.net)



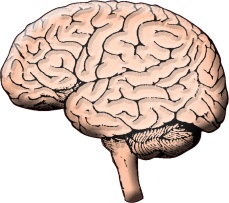
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