## Contact Lens Wearer Advisory Group Role Description

**Introduction**

I am an Ophthalmologist (Eye Doctor) working at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and The University of Manchester. I am looking for 5 Public Contributors that have worn contact lenses for longer than 12 months to help me develop my PhD project to investigate contact lens habits. The Public Contributors will form a Contact Lens Wearer Advisory Group and will be required to attend one meeting virtually in the first instance.

**Aims**

4.2 million people in the UK wear contact lenses. My research project aims to characterise how contact lens use affects the microbes that live on the surface of the eye and how improving hand hygiene (hand washing) can reverse some of these changes. Infections related to poor contact lens hygiene can result in irreversible reduction in vision. This project will help develop a public health hand hygiene intervention.

**Scope and Duties**

Duties of Contact Lens Wearer Advisory Group will include helping to:

* Recognise public issues with contact lens hygiene
* Review hand hygiene (hand washing) intervention strategy

# Your responsibilities:

# Your responsibilities in this role will include:

* To attend a virtual meeting (up to 2 hours)
* To review and provide feedback on a hand hygiene (hand washing) intervention strategies prior and during meeting
* To provide feedback on the strategy
* You must not discuss the project with others

# Our responsibilities:

# Our responsibilities to you will include giving you all the information that you need to decide whether contributing to that particular research or teaching project is right for you and whether you have the time and the skills needed for that role.

# Visit the Faculty’s Induction guide for further details of how the University can support Public Contributors <http://documents.manchester.ac.uk/display.aspx?DocID=41420>

**Duration of role:**

This voluntary role will consist of one virtual meeting with preparatory work. Depending on the success of the overall project there may be a possibility to renew participation of the Advisory Group.

We recognise that circumstances change, and you are under no obligation to remain on the Contact Lens Wearer Advisory Group for this entire period. You can leave this Public Contributor role at any time by informing Arthur Okonkwo, Arthur.okonkwo@doctors.org.uk.

# Payment and expenses:

# This is a voluntary role however, you will be reimbursed £50. This includes payment for your time in attending the virtual meeting and for the pre meeting preparatory work.

# Person specification:

# This opportunity is open to all members of the public including those affiliated with the University/Faculty.

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| **Criteria** | **Essential attributes** | **Desirable attributes** |
| **Experience** | * Previous experience of public involvement * Contact lens wearer for over 1 year |  |
| **Knowledge** | * Contact lens hand hygiene (hand washing) requirements * Understanding of the barriers to hand hygiene | * Knowledge of the aims and methods of health research |
| **Skills** | * The ability to interact effectively with other members | * The ability to use zoom to attend meetings |
| **Personal qualities** | * Eagerness to be involved in contributing to medical research through patient and public involvement and engagement |  |

**Closing date for applications:** (applications close 19th February 2021, 12pm)

Applicants will be shortlisted based on how well they fit the Person Specification. Interviews will take place early March.

# To apply:

Please send an email detailing information about your previous experience relating to the person specification above including any relevant Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) experience. Please also include up to 200 words regarding why you would like to apply to be a member of the Contact Lens Wearer Advisory Group.

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