

**Invitation to Apply: Maternity Lead for the Queens (BHRUT) Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership**

The Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership is seeking an exceptional individual to take on the role of **Maternity Lead**. This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and dedicated person who has lived experience of maternity services. The role aims to help shape the future of maternity services provided by Queens hospital and ensure that the voices of families and service users are at the heart of decision-making. The role requires a commitment of approximately **2.5 days per week**, with flexible, hybrid working arrangements, and is remunerated **at £375** **per week (includes holiday pay).**

**About the Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership**
The Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership listens to the experiences of women and families, and brings together service users, staff and other stakeholders to plan, review and improve maternity and neonatal care through coproduction and strategic influence.

MNVPs ensure that service users’ voices are at the heart of decision-making in maternity and neonatal services by being embedded within the leadership of provider trusts and feeding into the Local Maternity and Neonatal System (LMNS) (which in turn feeds into Integrated Care Board (ICB) decision-making).

This influences improvements in the safety, quality, and experience of maternity and neonatal care.

By working in partnership and amplifying the lived experiences of families, we aim to co-design services that reflect the needs and aspirations of those who use them.

**About the Role**

The successful candidate will have lived experience of Queens (BHRUT) maternity services through being a parent, carer or advocate, and will not already be employed by the trust or ICB.

You will be expected to gather feedback from families inside and outside of the hospital via different processes, such as surveys, coffee mornings. As lead, you will facilitate discussions, and advocate for family-centred maternity care. You will work closely with MNVP members and partners to drive initiatives, represent the Partnership, and ensure diverse perspectives are heard and valued.

In addition to gathering feedback from service users, you will work closely with partners to coproduce improvements in maternity care, as well as chairing MNVP meetings and participating in further strategic meetings both in person and online, including Queens hospital (BHRUT), Local Maternity and Neonatal Services (LMNS), Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), other MNVPs etc.

This role requires a strong commitment to collaboration, excellent communication skills, and a passion for creating positive change in maternity care.

**Key Responsibilities:**

* Work closely with families who have experience of BHRUT maternity services at Queens hospital in Romford and in the community.
* Engage with stakeholders and families in community provisions, including children’s centre, family hubs, faith-based settings, charity and voluntary settings.
* Champion service user voice to inform the way in which maternity care is commissioned and provided.
* Work closely with the MNVP Neonatal Lead
* Lead and chair meetings of the Maternity and Neonatal Voices Partnership, along with the Neonatal Lead.
* Represent the MNVP and service users at trust and ICB strategic meetings and external events.
* Facilitate the co-production of Maternity services with families, BHRUT and stakeholders.
* Champion the inclusion of underrepresented voices.

**Who Should Apply?**
We are looking for individuals with:

* lived experience of Maternity services provided by BHRUT via being a parent, carer or advocate.
* A genuine passion for maternity care and patient advocacy.
* Strong leadership and facilitation skills.
* The ability to commit to 20 hours (2.5 days) per week.
* A commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.

You do not need formal experience in healthcare leadership to apply, you will be closely support by the midwifery team—your passion, lived experience, and ability to lead are what matter most.

**How to Apply**
If you are interested in applying for this role, please request the job description and send a **letter of interest** outlining your motivation and relevant experience to natasha.sutton3@nhs.net

Applications should be submitted by **18th April 2025**. If you have any questions about the role or would like an informal discussion, please contact Natasha Sutton natasha.sutton3@nhs.net or call **07795521387**.

We are excited to hear from individuals who are as passionate as we are about improving maternity care and empowering families. Join us in making a difference!

Warm regards,
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