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Trust calls on local residents to ‘get involved’

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust is calling on its members and the wider Stockport community to help shape the national strategy on preventing obesity.

The call is part of The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence’s (NICE) drive to get people to become a voluntary community member of the group currently developing guidance about how to tackle obesity for the NHS, local authorities and other relevant organisations.

Dr Charlotte Haynes, research and projects lead at the Trust, explained: “This is a fantastic opportunity for people with some relevant experience to become involved in shaping a national strategy.

“NICE would welcome an application from anyone with relevant experience of preventing obesity and knowledge of the issues important to the community groups - I would certainly encourage people to ‘get involved’.”

Community members of this group will play a key role in making sure that views, experiences and interests of the public or particular community groups inform the development of NICE guidance and its recommendations.

Applications would be welcomed from people with any of the following experience:

- previous involvement in activities, groups or campaigns to improve personal or community health
- previous participation in the development of local health strategies
- member of relevant community or voluntary organisation.

All members of the programme development group have equal status, which reflects the relevance and importance of their different expertise and experience. All group members would need to attend regular meetings and undertake regular reading throughout their 18-month appointment.

For more information, visit www.nice.org.uk and click on the 'get involved' tab or e-mail ppiprecruitment@nice.org.uk. The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 12th February 2010.

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