

# Council of Healthcare Professionals

## Role Description



### **About A+LUK's Council of Healthcare Professionals**

Asthma + Lung UK's Council of Healthcare Professionals (CHP) is led by the Policy and External Affairs Team and its primary purpose is to help develop policy recommendations and increase our chances of successfully influencing how NHS services are delivered for people with lung disease. The CHP is distinct from any research panels that A+LUK currently host.

By pooling their knowledge, experience and expertise, members of the CHP will be able to advise Asthma + Lung UK on lung health issues including NHS treatment, best clinical practice, emerging technologies and therapies, and help shape Asthma + Lung UK's policy work.

A+LUK will consider applicants who's primary role is in NHS healthcare delivery. The council aims, at all times, to have representation from across the UK, covering a range of professions (GPs, nurses, physios, pharmacists, consultants etc.), a range of specialisms, and to include people with different backgrounds and demographics.

This is a voluntary, unpaid role. However, reasonable reimbursement will be paid for travel expenses and overnight accommodation, as agreed in advance by Asthma + Lung UK, and in line with the Volunteer Expenses Policy of the charity.

### **Tasks and responsibilities**

The workload of the council is not expected to be onerous. Members will be asked to:

- provide clinical advice and guidance to Asthma + Lung UK on strategic and operational issues.
- review relevant NHS data/reports and to assist Asthma + Lung UK in identifying best practice in order to help reduce variations in lung health care across the UK.
- consider emerging national and other guidance and advise A+LUK on its relevance and importance in terms of condition management.
- represent, or work alongside, Asthma + Lung UK at high level meetings to add content and weight to our influencing activities.
- from time to time, individual CHP Members may also be asked for an opinion, related to their particular knowledge and experience, in relation to external consultations to which Asthma and Lung UK is providing a submission (e.g., NICE consultations).
- support Asthma + Lung UK's Clinical Lead by providing a greater breadth of clinical expertise.
- act as an ambassador for Asthma + Lung UK, informing external stakeholders about our activities and reports.
- for a proportion of members who receive media training, to act as media spokespeople in their areas of expertise.

### **Role boundaries**

CHP members should not speak as an A+LUK CHP member without prior agreement from the CHP coordinator. Any media work done as an A+LUK CHP member, should only be done with prior agreement from A+LUK's media team and the CHP coordinator. Where the individual is attending other meetings they must state whether acting on behalf of A+LUK, in personal capacity or behalf of another organisation.

### **Hours and location of the CHP**

- There are four meetings per year with regular email consultation of members between meetings. Three of these meetings will be held remotely and one will be held face-to-face in the Spring. The location for this will vary from year to year.
- Members are expected to attend at least three out of the four meetings each year.
- Meetings will last between two to four hours.

### **Training provided**

- A+LUK will provide an induction to the charity and the role of the CHP.
- You will have the opportunity to meet with/learn from the Policy team, helpline team and media team, amongst others.
- Media training will also be given to a proportion of the council.

### **Why you might be interested in this this CHP role**

Joining the CHP will provide you with an opportunity to:

- learn more about A+LUK's priorities for supporting people living with lung conditions, and to promote lung health across the UK.
- use your expertise and practical knowledge to shape policy and influencing strategies.
- both support and learn from fellow healthcare professionals involved in lung health across the UK.

### **Skills or experience that will help you in the role**

- An ability to think strategically and question constructively.
- The confidence to put across the perspectives of your profession and your patients.
- Experience of multi-disciplinary working.
- Experience of project work.
- Willingness to take an active part in all meetings and email correspondence

### **Support**

The CHP coordinator is your point of contact for any enquiries or queries about the role, including meeting dates, training opportunities and expenses. Briefing materials will be provided in advance of all meetings. Reasonable expenses will be covered in line with A+LUK's expenses policy.

### **Applying for the role**

Please contact Sally Wilkes, the CHP coordinator, on [SWilkes@asthmaandlung.org.uk](mailto:SWilkes@asthmaandlung.org.uk) to discuss the next steps.