**Consumers and Carers to participate in**

**AETC Recruitment Process**

**About the Project**

The Department of Health is committed to ongoing engagement and participation of health consumers following the Government’s response to the Barrett Adolescent Centre Commission of Inquiry report. See the youth mental health website for further information: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/improvement/youthmentalhealth>

As part of the 2017-18 State Budget, the Government committed to deliver a new State-wide Adolescent Extended Treatment Centre (AETC) at The Prince Charles Hospital, to be owned and operated by Children’s Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CHQ).

Health Consumers Queensland is working closely with Children’s Health Queensland, including the Barrett community, young mental health consumers, and carers in Queensland to make sure consumer and community needs are considered during the development and commissioning of the new AETC.

**Role of Consumers and Carers**

Recruitment for the operation of the AETC will commence in the latter half of 2019. Consumers and carers are being invited to participate in recruitment selection panels.

Participating consumers and carers will be asked to assess applicants from a consumer and carer perspective based on how they interact with them, and how confident and comfortable they are with that clinician/person caring for them or their family.

**Remuneration and Support**

Recruitment and selection training will be provided to prepare consumers and carers and is a pre-requisite for participation on Selection Panels. This 90-minute training session will include:

* An overview of recruitment and selection processes
* The role of the consumer/carer representative
* Conflict of interest, confidentiality, selection reports

Consumers and carers will be reimbursed for travel and parking expenses, and remunerated for time spent training, pre-reading, shortlisting, and interviewing at $40 per hour. Consumers and carers will also be provided with the opportunity for a pre-brief and post-interview debrief.

**How to Apply**

Consumers and carers in the South-East Queensland area with lived experience of child and youth mental health are invited to submit expressions of interest to participate in AETC recruitment, including attendance at the recruitment and selection training.

In your response, please address the following questions:

* Why would you like to participate in the AETC recruitment?
* What would you bring to the recruitment process?
* What is your experience in being a consumer and or carer representative?
* What is your lived experience of child and youth mental health services?

Please complete your Expression of Interest and email to Leonie Sanderson: leonie.sanderson@hcq.org.au by midday **19 July 2019**. Please phone Leonie on 0437 637 033 if you are interested in applying but are unable to submit by this date.