Care in the Right Setting (CaRS) Funding Program Panel

**Closing date:** **COB Thursday 17 October**

Queensland Department of Health

**The Department of Health is providing a health consumer representative a unique opportunity to participate on the evaluation panel for the Care in the Right Setting (CaRS) Funding Program.**

Purpose

In the future, more people will be receiving healthcare in their homes and communities. To improve access to healthcare and reduce the demand on hospitals, a variety of different ways of providing healthcare are being explored and invested in. One-off funding of up to $50 million over two financial years is available to trial and assess ideas to:

* Improve patient flow
* Promote right care in the right place at the right time for the right outcome
* Reduce the growth in hospital activity

The CaRS program is dedicated to funding models of care that will support the provision of healthcare in the right setting and promote the appropriate and effective use of hospital services.

The following areas have known challenges for consumers and the health system, so will be the focus for this funding:

**Palliative Care:** Access to community-based palliative care services Queensland is a challenge. The aim is to enhance access to community-based palliative care services, particularly in rural and remote areas of Queensland. The goals are a better patient experience, and reducing preventable hospital admissions.

**Unplanned care:** Unplanned and emergency care is placing increasing demand on the healthcare system. Offering more options for care may reduce unnecessary hospital admissions. The goal is to deliver better care options in appropriate settings, with the aim of reducing unplanned presentations to Emergency Departments, hospital admissions, and reducing the length of hospital stays.

Panel Membership

The panel membership comprises of the following positions:

* Department of Health
* Hospital and Health Services
* Clinical Networks
* Queensland Clinical Senate representation
* Queensland Palliative Care Clinical Directors Group
* Consumer Representative

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be to attend all evaluation panel meetings and to actively participate in all evaluation activities such as pre-meeting reading of applications, discussions, provision of feedback and advice. The successful applicant will be required to provide information and feedback to the group and provide direct advice to inform decisions around allocation of funding in line with evaluation criteria.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit a consumer or carer representative:

* With at least 12 + months experience sitting on a committee at the Hospital and Health Service, or Statewide level
* With an understanding of the Queensland Health system and experiencing providing consumer feedback
* With a high level of literacy (including reading, writing and communication)
* With a good understanding of the future of healthcare from a consumer or carer perspective
* Who can demonstrate innovative and creative approaches to address complex organisational issues using a quality improvement framework
* Who can help others to understand their shared goals and their points of difference in a respectful way

Time and location

**Commitment timeframes:**

* 8 November – 18 November: Review of Stage 2 applications. Detailed written applications will need to be reviewed, with the possibility of attending and evaluating presentations from applicants between 13-14 November in Brisbane.
* Likely 1 to 3 meetings of up to 3 hours at a time during this period. The meetings will take place at 33 Charlotte St, Brisbane to discuss applications. Teleconferencing is available. Car parking available.

Remuneration and Support

Consumers will be remunerated for their time in line with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf). Parking and travel expenses will be covered. Pre-briefing will be provided.

The successful consumer/or carer will be reimbursed for their time at the meeting as per details below:

• $187 for meetings 4 hours and under (including pre-reading and travel time)

• $374 per meeting over 4 hours (including pre-reading and travel time)

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by **Thursday 17 October.**

For assistance please contact Health Consumers Queensland via consumer@hcq.org.au or by phone on 07 3012 9090.

**Care in the Right Setting (CaRS) Funding Program**

**Application Form**

Full name:

Preferred phone number:

Email:

Postal address:

Postcode:

* By completing this application, I consent for my details to be added to the Health Consumers Queensland network database YES | NO
* I would like to receive email updates from Health Consumers Queensland YES | NO
* Are you happy for Health Consumers Queensland to share this form with Queensland Health as part of the process for this application? YES | NO
* Would you like us to retain this application for future vacancies? *(Applications not retained are destroyed once the application process is complete.)* YES | NO

Please highlight any group you identify as being a part of:

* Living with a disability/chronic condition
* Caring for someone with a disability
* Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged
* Culturally or linguistically diverse
* From a non-English speaking background

Do you identify as: Aboriginal | Torres Strait Islander | Both | Prefer not to state

Are you a: Consumer | Carer

Age range: 16-24 25-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity *(examples include support person, hearing loop, dietary requirements)*

*Your responses to the following questions only need to be a brief sentence or two*

* Please describe your experience as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, etc.

*Tip: Past consumer representative positions that have similar requirements to the opportunity you’re expressing interest in. Give an indication of how long each position was for, and any relevant highlights.*

* **Please describe any connections you have to your community (e.g. networks, groups)***Tip: Think about how this relates to the role you’re applying for.*
* Please describe your interest in this topic?

*Tip: Although this section usually requires the longest response, try to keep it concise. Things to consider focusing on here include:*

* *any past lived experience that shows your understanding of the topic, or*
* *your understanding of the social/health/economic implications of the topic/condition, or*
* *Any systems change that you have identified that will improve care for health consumers, and possible strategies you could share to affect that change.*
* Please provide contact details for a staff member from a health service or department you are currently partnering with. (we will advise if you are shortlisted before we contact your referee).

Full name:

Staff Role:

Partnering Activity (eg. Committee Chair):

Organisation:

Phone number:

Email:

Applicant Role: