Consumer and carer representative application

Queensland Clinical Senate

Closing date: 9am, Monday 19th July 2021

Queensland Clinical Senate (QCS)

**The Queensland Clinical Senate would like to recruit one (1) consumer and/or carer representatives to be a part of the Senate. Their role is to provide the consumer perspective with a focus on quality patient outcomes and experiences through all levels of the health system in Queensland.**

**You will be joined by two recently recruited consumers on the Senate who represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumers and rural and remote perspectives and two organisational representatives from Health Consumers Queensland.**

Purpose

The Queensland Clinical Senate is a multidisciplinary group represents clinicians from across the health system in providing independent and strategic advice and leadership on system-wide issues affecting the quality, affordability and efficient delivery of patient care within Queensland. The QCS connects clinicians to improve care.

The QCS share their collective knowledge to consider strategic clinical issues and make recommendations to Queensland Health about how to deliver the best care to Queenslanders.

The [Queensland Clinical Senate](https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/priority-areas/clinician-engagement/queensland-clinical-senate) has played a key role in representing clinicians to provide leadership and advice on strategic statewide clinical service delivery issues. The Senate has been successful in advocating for:

* Identifying and promoting key learnings and opportunities to improve the delivery of healthcare arising from the disruption caused by COVID-19
* Health and Wellbeing of the Workforce – a statement of principles and actions
* Addressing key low benefit care priorities
* GP access to The Viewer
* Investment in publicly funded bariatric surgery
* A community education program about end of life care
* Significant funding to support implementation of innovative models of integrated care (Integrated Care Investment Fund)

Membership

The Queensland Clinical Senate is comprised of the Chair, Deputy Chair, Executive Committee and the broader membership. The Chair and Deputy Chair will ideally represent different healthcare disciplines. Both roles can be drawn from any of the healthcare disciplines.

For details of Queensland Clinical Senate’s membership, refer to the [Terms of Reference here](https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/docs/clinical-senate/qcs-tor.pdf).

Role of the consumer

The role of the successful applicant will be to attend all QCS meetings and to actively participate in all activities such as pre-meeting reading, discussions, provision of feedback and advice.

Who is it for?

The successful consumer and or carer representatives are expected to engage with their community connections and links to networks to inform into the senate with a broader community perspective with the aim of improving health care services to meet the needs of all Queenslanders.

This opportunity would suit:

* An experienced consumer with high level committee experience, either at the local, Hospital and Health Service, or Statewide level
* A consumer and or carer who has an understanding of the Queensland Health system and experience providing consumer feedback
* A consumer and or carer who has a high level of literacy (including reading, writing and communication)

Time and location

The broader Queensland Clinical Senate will meet a minimum of three times per year in Brisbane. These meetings are usually conducted in person, however because of COVID-19 the last meeting was successfully held by videoconference for all participants. Consultation with members can also occur out of session if required.

Remuneration and Support

Consumers will be remunerated in accordance with [Health Consumers Queensland’s remuneration position statement](http://www.hcq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Consumer-Remuneration-Rates-Dec-2015.pdf).

$187 per meeting 4 hours and under \*

$374 per meeting 4 hours and over \*

\*Covers pre-reading and travel time

Members living outside of Brisbane will be reimbursed for travel and/or accommodation costs in accordance with Queensland Health Travel and Accommodation Policy, Domestic Travel and Accommodation Standard and Domestic Travel and Accommodation Procedure.

The Department of Health’s Clinical Excellence Queensland will provide secretariat support.

How to apply

Please complete this consumer application form and return to**consumer@hcq.org.au**by **9am, Monday 19th July 2021.**

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

**Application for a Consumer Representative to join the:**

**Queensland Clinical Senate**

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

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
* LGBTIQ+

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+

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| **Gender:** |  Male | Female | Intersex | Other | Prefer not to state |

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*

1. 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.*

1. **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.*
2. Please describe your interest in improving Queensland’s health care services? *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: