Application for consumer representatives to join:

Focus group/s to discuss type 2 diabetes

Closing date: 9am, Monday 24 January 2022

*Do you have a passion and commitment to improving health outcomes for people living with type 2 diabetes or at risk of developing type 2 diabetes?*

*Have you been affected by, or have experience of type 2 diabetes, and are either currently accessing or have accessed the public health system?*

*Have you been advised by your doctor you have pre-diabetes or another condition which puts you at risk of developing type 2 diabetes?*

*For women, are you pregnant with gestational diabetes, or have you had gestational diabetes during any of your previous pregnancies?*

***You might be interested in joining a focus group to discuss type 2 diabetes and offer input on the Chronic Disease Prevention Systems Analysis Project!***

Queensland Department of Health

**Queensland Health are inviting consumers and carers to participate in a focus group about type 2 diabetes and the public health system to improve understanding of what chronic disease prevention activity is currently happening, and importantly what could be possible or improved.**

While Queenslanders are living longer, many live with more years of poor health. Some chronic diseases, like type 2 diabetes can be prevented through changes in lifestyle behaviours, and for many people already living with a chronic disease, healthcare interventions may prevent their condition from worsening. Therefore, keeping Queenslanders healthy is a priority and an important challenge for Queensland Health.

The Preventive Health Branch provides expertise and leadership in policy and programs related to health and wellbeing. Their innovative approach aims to encourage behaviours and create environments that are supportive of health. Their work covers programs and topics such as, cancer screening, tobacco laws, sun safety, chronic disease prevention, healthy food and drink strategies, and population health data and statistics. For more information, please refer to: [Queensland Health - Health and wellbeing](https://www.qld.gov.au/health).

The Preventive Health Branch has secured Commonwealth Government Health Innovation Funding for a systems analysis for prevention and is working in partnership with experts from [The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre](https://preventioncentre.org.au/) (TAPPC). TAPPC is a national agency whose mission is to identify new ways to improve our understanding of what works to prevent lifestyle related chronic disease. A ‘systems science’ approach is being taken. This allows for a greater understanding of the ‘whole system’ to help to see influencing factors that are more hidden and their impacts, rather than looking at only one or more smaller parts of the health system.

Purpose

Through these focus group/s the prevention Systems Analysis Project will gather information and insights from consumers and carers to improve our understanding of what chronic disease prevention activity is currently happening, especially relating to type 2 diabetes, and importantly what could be possible or enhanced.

Role of the consumer

Successful applicants will be active participants in a focus group by offering their perspective and input based on their experience, bringing a whole-of-health-system mindset, and building relationships and connections that support the project.

Who is it for?

This opportunity would suit:

* consumers who are affected by, or have experience of type 2 diabetes
* carers who are caring for someone affected by, or have experience of type 2 diabetes
* consumers currently accessing or have accessed the public health system
* consumers who have experience of health services in rural or remote locations, are from different age groups, First Nations and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds
* Consumers and carers who have an interest in improving the health system

Time and location

**Timing: Thursday 17 February 2022**

We are offering consumers with two options to attend the focus group.

**First Focus Group – 12.00pm – 1.30pm**

**Second Focus Group 2.00pm – 2.30pm**

**Location:** The focus groups will be held online using Microsoft Teams, although other online platforms such as Zoom could be used.

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).

Consumers will be renumerated at the half-day rate for their participation in workshops and meetings (including preparation and reading time).

How to apply

**Please complete this consumer application form and return to****consumer@hcq.org.au**by 9am Monday 24 January 2022.

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

**Consumer Application Form**

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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+

[ ]  Have a lived experienced of type 2 diabetes or caring for someone living or affected by type 2 diabetes

Do you identify as: [ ]  Aboriginal | [ ]  Torres Strait Islander | [ ]  Both | [ ]  Prefer not to state| [ ]  Neither

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 |

What online meeting access would you prefer (tick both boxes, if applicable):

 [ ]  Microsoft Teams | [ ]  Zoom

Please tick which focus groups you are available for (tick both boxes, if applicable):

 [ ]  12.00-1.30pm 17 February| [ ]  2.00-3.30pm 17 February

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 or bullet points*

1. Please describe your experience as a health consumer representative including committees, focus groups, surveys, governance roles, reviewing documents etc. (please provide name of committee/group, no acronyms)

*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. From the consumer or carer perspective, please describe your interest in joining the type 2 diabetes focus group? *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.*