Consumer representative opportunity to join: Queensland Clinical Senate

Closing date: 9am, Monday 9 October

***Are you a consumer or carer representative with a lived experience and understanding of the Queensland Health System?***

***Do you want to be involved in discussions on system-wide issues affecting the quality and delivery of patient care within Queensland?***

***You might be interested in joining the Queensland Clinical Senate!***

Queensland Clinical Senate (QCS)

**The Queensland Clinical Senate has an exciting opportunity for one (1) consumer and/or carer representative to be a part of the Senate. Your role is to provide the consumer perspective with a focus on high quality, safe, equitable, and sustainable patient care and patient experiences through all levels of the health system in Queensland.**

**You will be joined by two consumers members on the Senate who represent First Nations, Multicultural backgrounds, and rural and remote perspectives. You will also be joined by one Health Consumers Queensland organisational representative.**

Purpose

The Queensland Clinical Senate represents clinicians from across the health system and provides strategic advice and leadership on system-wide issues affecting the quality, affordability and efficient delivery of patient care within Queensland. We connect 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 providing clinical leadership by developing strategies to safeguard and promote the delivery of high quality, safe and sustainable patient care.

**The Senate has been successful in advocating for:**

* Reimaging healthcare for the next phase and beyond
* The First 2000 days of life
* Identifying and promoting key learnings and opportunities to improve the delivery of healthcare arising from the disruption caused by COVID-19
* Adolescent and young adult care
* Health and Wellbeing of the Workforce – a statement of principles and actions
* Addressing key low benefit care priorities
* GP access to The Viewer
* 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 led by a Chair, Deputy Chair and executive committee representative of the broader membership. The executive leads Queensland Clinical Senate initiatives and provides advice to the Department of Health and Minister for Health on areas of strategic clinical importance.

For details of Queensland Clinical Senate’s [membership](https://clinicalexcellence.qld.gov.au/priority-areas/clinician-engagement/queensland-clinical-senate/membership)  or 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 and actively participate in all QCS meetings and to participate in all activities such as pre-meeting reading, discussions, provision of feedback and advice. There may be opportunities for speaking roles at the meetings, therefore confidence and being comfortable speaking up in a forum setting would be ideal.

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)
* Comfortable and confident speaking up in meetings

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 or virtually. Any pre - meetings, de-brief and meetings outside of the Senate meetings, will be held online.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 9 November (5pm-9pm) & all day Friday 10 November** in Brisbane.

The working title for the meeting is: **Healthcare's impact on climate change**

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.

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 9 October.**  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:

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[ ]  Living with a disability/chronic condition

[ ]  Caring for someone with a disability/chronic condition

[ ]  Physically isolated or transport disadvantaged

[ ]  Culturally or linguistically diverse

[ ]  From a non-English speaking background

[ ]  LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer) These terms are used to describe a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity

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 |

How would you like to be addressed: [ ]  he/him | [ ]  she/her | [ ]  they/them

Please describe any support you need to take part in this activity *(examples include support person, hearing loop, tech support, Teams/Zoom support)*

*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, reviewing documents etc. (please provide name of committee/group, no acronyms)
2. **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.*
3. From the consumer or carer perspective, briefly describe your interest in improving Queensland’s health care system?

*Referee Section*

Please provide contact details for a staff member from a health service, organisation or department you are currently partnering with.

Referee’s Full name:

Referee’s Role:

Organisation:

Partnering Activity (eg. Committee Chair):

Phone number:

Email: