Recruitment of Editors with Lived Experience

May 2024 Editorial Board Proposal

1. Background

Following the review of the contribution of lived experience within IJIC, the editorial board supported the recruitment of a minimum of two people with lived experience onto the board. This paper outlines the suggested process to recruit these editors.

1. Role

The role of the Editorial Board members with lived experience will be the same as other Board members, i.e. *to agree and monitor the contents and standards of the journal and provide input to the Editors-in-Chief on the direction and strategy of IJIC.* They will also be expected to undertake at least two article reviews (once they have developed the skills and confidence to do so).

The members will serve for an initial four-year period with the potential to continue for further periods following a review by the Editors-in-Chief and the person.

IJIC is defining lived experience as: *Those who have insights about integrated care based on personally accessing health, social care and other related services in relation to a long-term condition, social need, or wellbeing crisis, or through caring for a family member.*

1. Recruitment Process

The call for expressions of interest (see below) will be published on the IJIC website and circulated through IFIC networks week beginning Monday 27th May 2024.

Interested parties will be asked to submit an expression of interest which is between 300 and 500 words and which provides the following:

* Why do they have an interest in improving integrated care?
* What is their experience (if any) of research related activities?
* What skills and insights can they bring to a board discussion?
* Anything else which they would like to share in relation to their interest in the role.

They will also have the option of attaching a CV.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by Monday 1st July 2024.

These will then be considered by the Editors-in-Chief who will assess applicants based on factors including:

* their understanding of integrated care
* the likely contribution of the applicants to the Editorial Board and
* encouraging diversity of perspectives and experience within the Board

Applicants will not have to undertake a formal interview as such but in some cases the Editors-in-Chief may meet with them for an informal discussion about their interest and experience.

All successful and unsuccessful applicants to be notified by the end of August 2024.

1. Support for new Board Members

The new Board Members will undoubtedly vary in the levels of experience in relation to research of integrated care and serving on an international board of this nature.

It will be important to put in place support for the new members such as initial meetings to discuss their previous skills and knowledge, potential gaps, and how these could be addressed. This should include bursary places on the online certificate in integrated care and membership of the lived experience network being developed by IFIC. It is recommended that these initial meetings are held with an Editor in Chief, the Managing Editor, and with the IFIC colleague who will be taking on responsibility for supporting people with lived experience within the work of IJIC. It is also recommended that current editorial board members are available to provide mentoring for the first year of their term on the Board if they would find that support helpful.

1. Call for expressions of interest.

*Recruitment of Editorial Board Members with Lived Experience of Integrated Care*

*Following the review of the contribution of lived experience to the work of IJIC (please see:* [*https://ijic.org/articles/10.5334/ijic.8622*](https://ijic.org/articles/10.5334/ijic.8622) *), we are seeking to recruit Editorial Board members who have experience of integrated care.*

*Our definition of lived experience in this context is “Those who have insights about integrated care based on personally accessing health, social care and other related services in relation to a long-term condition, social need, or wellbeing crisis, or through caring for a family member.”*

*This could include people who have other connections to integrated care such as academia or practice, but within this role they will principally draw on their lived experience knowledge and experience.*

*We will provide individual and collective support for these board members which could include mentoring, bursary places on the online certificate in integrated care, and membership of the lived experience network being developed by IFIC.*

*The Lived Experience Board Members will join the other editors in supporting the Editors in Chief to maintain the standards of the journal and to inform its strategic plan. This will involve attending six on-line meetings each year and (once confident in the process) undertaking a minimum of two journal article reviews each year.*

*The initial standard term will be for four years with potential to continue for a further term following review. Dependant on circumstances, there is flexibility for shorter initial terms. For those who are not funded to undertake such roles through other routes, a recognition payment will be provided in relation to preparation and attendance at the Board meetings.*

*To express an interest in becoming a member, please send an expression of interest between 300 and 500 words against the following heads:*

*• Why do you have an interest in improving integrated care?*

*• What is your experience (if any) of research related activities?*

*• What skills and insights can you bring to the editorial board?*

*• Anything else which you would like to share in relation to your interest in the role.*

*You can also attach a CV if you would like to do so.*

*Expressions of interest should be submitted by Monday 1st July 2024 to* *susanroyer@integratedcarefoundation.org*

*Please also contact us if you have any questions about the role which would help you in considering expressing an interest.*

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*Find out more about the new chapter of Lived Experience for the International Journal of Integrated Care* [*here*](https://account.ijic.org/index.php/up-j-ijic/libraryFiles/downloadPublic/16)*.*