Mental Health Learning Health Network

Expression of Interest for Advisory and Data Groups

We are seeking clinicians, consumers, carers, family, supporters, data experts, researchers, and health system leaders, with a passion for improving healthcare safety and quality in Victoria, to join our Mental Health Learning Health Network (LHN) Advisory Group and Data Group. These groups will form a key part of the governance work and engagement of the Mental Health Improvement Program (MHIP) and the Chief Mental Health Nurse/Clinical Practice and Leadership Unit (CPLU) at Safer Care Victoria (SCV).

Expressions of interest are now open for the Mental Health LHN Advisory and Data Groups.

## Learning Health Networks

Our Mental Health LHN will bring together the mental healthcare workforce, individuals with lived experience, academics, researchers, and data experts to improve clinical care and patient outcomes across the Victorian mental health system.

LHN characteristics include:

* **shared vision:** to align multiple stakeholders around a common goal
* **co-production:** to facilitate collaboration at scale across multiple stakeholders to co-produce information, knowledge, and resources for creating improvement
* **transparent data sharing:** to generate a rich data stream that provides insights and can rapidly respond to the gap between current and desired performance
* **widespread capacity to change systems:** to apply a quality improvement method that can rapidly test, spread, and scale ideas to achieve new levels of performance
* **a culture of trust:** to encourage curiosity, shared learning, contribution, and respect
* **governance:** a framework of operation.

## LHN Advisory and Data Groups

A LHN Advisory Group and a Data Group will be formed to oversee, advise, and guide the improvement, practice development, and engagement efforts of the Mental Health LHN. The Advisory Group will drive and facilitate purposeful consumer, family/carer/supporter, and sector engagement in the LHN, the MHIP, the CPLU, SCV and the mental health sector. The Advisory Group will work closely with the Data Group to provide advice and direction to support SCV and the Department of Health (DH) as required, with a focus on system level issues.

The LHN Advisory and Data Groups will review data; respond to specific system level data or safety and quality issues identified; provide insight and specialty clinical advice about data variation; support the identification and escalation of issues relevant to the LHN; assist in the leadership clinical and consumer engagement; and review work in progress, with a focus on system level issues. The groups will be multidisciplinary, including medical, nursing, allied health, and consumer and carer representatives from across regional and metropolitan areas. Group membership and functions may vary across SCV based on programs of work.

For more information on the Advisory and Data groups, please refer to:

* [Mental Health LHN Advisory Group Terms of Reference](https://dhhsvicgovau.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/SCVMentalHealthImprovementProgram-MHIPLeadership/Shared%20Documents/MHIP%20Leadership/Mental%20Health%20LHN/Governance%20Group%20TORs/MHIP%20LHN%20Terms%20of%20Reference%20-%20ADVISORY%20GROUP-%20DRAFT.docx?d=we4fa394cec7d432d9e27273bd366de22&csf=1&web=1&e=RP87qK)
* [Mental Health LHN Data Group Terms of Reference](https://dhhsvicgovau.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/SCVMentalHealthImprovementProgram-MHIPLeadership/Shared%20Documents/MHIP%20Leadership/Mental%20Health%20LHN/Governance%20Group%20TORs/MHIP%20LHN%20Terms%20of%20Reference%20-%20DATA%20GROUP%20-%20DRAFT.docx?d=w5a117ecbc3594d1aa072c6359be62194&csf=1&web=1&e=zzvQW3)
* [Advisory & Data Group Question and Answers document](https://dhhsvicgovau.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/SCVMentalHealthImprovementProgram-MHIPLeadership/Shared%20Documents/MHIP%20Leadership/Mental%20Health%20LHN/EOI%20Comms/MH%20LHN%20Advisory%20Group%20%26%20Data%20Group%20Questions%20%26%20Answers.docx?d=wb46faf5be6d74aad84e7541dbfe48db5&csf=1&web=1&e=FtUIqL)
* For more information on the MHIP and how the learning health network will support this, visit:
* [Safer Care Victoria (SCV) website](https://www.bettersafercare.vic.gov.au/)
* [Partnering in Healthcare Framework](https://www.bettersafercare.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2019-02/Partnering%20in%20healthcare%20framework%202019_WEB.pdf)
* [SCV Mental Health Improvement Program](https://www.safercare.vic.gov.au/improvement/mental-health-improvement-program)
* [SCV Learning Health Network (LHN)](https://www.safercare.vic.gov.au/improvement/learning-health-networks)

### Who should apply?

We are looking for mental health workforce (clinical, non-clinical and lived experience), consumers, carers, family, supporters, data experts, academics, researchers, and health system leaders who:

* are passionate about improving healthcare delivery, including those involved in direct patient care
* come from diverse disciplines and differing career stages
* have knowledge, experience, and skills from a relevant clinical speciality
* are system thinkers and are committed to working collaboratively across multidisciplinary teams
* bring experience in data analysis and interpretation
* commit to bringing their whole self and telling it like it is, two key SCV values
* will contribute to leading LHN improvement initiatives or safety and quality work through effective networking and collaboration
* will drive engagement with relevant health networks.

Diverse group membership is valued with clinicians and consumers from varied disciplines, backgrounds, skillsets, and health settings being essential to ensure broad perspectives are represented. The below selection criteria outlines the skills we need for the Advisory and Data Groups.

## Remuneration

Consumer members and private practitioners (such as General Practitioners) will be eligible for remuneration for attending Mental Health LHN Advisory Group meetings. The manager of the relevant centre will review and approve all remuneration requests in line with the Victorian Government Appointment and remuneration guidelines and SCV’s [Guide to lived experience remuneration](https://www.bettersafercare.vic.gov.au/publications/a-guide-to-consumer-renumeration).

# Selection process

## Selection criteria

### Essential for both groups

* Passionate about ensuring outstanding healthcare for all Victorians.
* Knowledge, experience, and skills relevant to the Mental Health LHN Advisory Group and/or Data Group.
* Desire to lead and drive work and engagement with the Mental Health LHN.
* Experience working collaboratively in a multidisciplinary setting, including leading meaningful consumer engagement.

### Desirable for Advisory group, Essential for Data group

* Knowledge and skills in identifying and critically analysing and interpreting data and evidence to inform best practice.
* Ability to review and provide insight and specialty clinical advice about data variation.

### Desirable for both groups

* Knowledge of improvement methodologies, e.g., Institute for Healthcare Improvement and/or experience in quality improvement initiatives.
* Experience with facilitating networking or education, e.g. across digital platforms or forums.
* Ability to leverage expertise and sector relationships to provide expert advice about safety and quality issues with a system focus.

This is a unique opportunity to play a pivotal role in the Mental Health LHN Advisory Group and/or Data group to shape the direction of the Mental Health LHN.

**If this sounds like you, apply now!**

## How to apply

Please read the Mental Health LHN Advisory Group and Data Group Terms of Reference documents and selection criteria prior to submitting:

* a cover letter addressing the selection criteria and why you want to be involved in the Mental Health LHN Advisory Group (no more than one page).
* a clear indication as to why you want to be involved in the Mental Health LHN governance group/s, whether your interest is in joining the Advisory Group, the Data Group, or both, and what skills, expertise and insights you offer
* a current curriculum vitae\* (no more than four pages)

\* A curriculum vitae or document that helps us understand your skills and experience that demonstrate what you would bring to the Mental Health LHN.

Use the Subject line, Mental Health Learning Health Network EOI – Advisory (and/or) Data Group, when submitting your application, andemail to Amber O’Brien at [mentalhealthlhn@safercare.vic.gov.au.](mailto:mentalhealthlhn@safercare.vic.gov.au)

**Applications close midnight, Monday 30 January 2023**

* Each application will be reviewed against the selection criteria.
* Applications will be reviewed by a Senior Project Officer, Clinical Lead and Manager of the Mental Health LHN.
* Successful candidates will be endorsed by the Director of the Mental Health Improvement Program.
* Membership will be for a 3-year tenure, with review of Terms of Reference and membership to occur after 18 months.