



CASE NOTE REVIEWERS REQUIRED

NCEPOD study on Physical Health in Mental Health Hospitals study

NCEPOD is undertaking a new study to investigate variation and remediable factors in the processes of delivering physical health care to adult patients admitted as an inpatient to a mental health facility.

There is a 10 to 20-year mortality gap for those living with serious mental illness which continues to widen and requires multiple system changes to address it. Inpatient care provides one opportunity to identify and support the physical health needs of those who are most unwell but we know that the provision for physical health is not always what it should be. The findings from this study will form the basis of a national report with recommendations for clinical staff and organisations to improve the provision and quality of healthcare for these patients.

We are looking for clinicians with a keen interest in this area to join our panel of case reviewers for the study. We will be recruiting from a range of specialties, including (but not exclusive to) psychiatry, acute and general medicine, emergency medicine, mental health pharmacy, general nursing (including critical care), mental health nursing, care of the elderly, surgery, anaesthesia, gastroenterology, dietetics.

Case reviewers will be asked to attend meetings during which they will assess case note extracts and provide expert opinion on the care patients receive. A training day will be held on **Thursday 30th April** at a central London location (if you are unable to make this date, training on an ad hoc basis is possible). You would typically be required to attend 4 subsequent case reviewer meetings at the NCEPOD offices in London. It is anticipated case review meetings will begin in **June 2020** and will run for approximately 6 months. Travel expenses will be reimbursed.

We aim to recruit senior clinicians (ST6 and above) who are in current clinical practice.

Further information about this study including a copy of the study protocol can be found on the webpage:

<https://www.ncepod.org.uk/phmh.html>

If you would be interested in acting as a case note reviewer for this study please send a copy of your CV (preferably by email) to the contact details below. The deadline for applications is **Friday 13th March 2020**.

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