**IMPACT Co-production Advisory Group**

**Expression of Interest Brief 2025**

**Northern Ireland**

**About IMPACT**

‘IMPACT’ stands for ‘**Imp**roving **A**dult **C**are **T**ogether’. It is the short name we use to describe our work at the **UK centre for implementing evidence in adult social care**. IMPACT is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and by the Health Foundation. It was set up in 2021 and is funded to the end of 2027.

**What does IMPACT do?**

As an implementation centre, we help organisations that design, deliver and fund adult social care in the UK to make better use of existing evidence about what works in everyday practice. The sorts of evidence we use includes knowledge from published research, as well as insights from the experiences of those who draw on social care and those who provide it in a paid or unpaid capacity.

In our work, we gather this evidence together and put it into practice. In each of our projects, existing evidence is used by IMPACT staff, working together with a host site, to try and improve lives and make a difference in that area. These activities distinguish us from traditional research centres, which tend to focus more on filling gaps in the evidence base and less on putting evidence into practice. If you would like to know more about our models of work, please see this link: [Projects and Delivery Models - IMPACT](https://impact.bham.ac.uk/our-projects/).

**Where can I find out more?**

There is more information about IMPACT on our website: [**https://impact.bham.ac.uk**](https://impact.bham.ac.uk)**,** where you can also [**sign up for our newsletter**](https://impact.bham.ac.uk/contact-us-2/). We also post news on X at:[**@ImpAdultCare**](https://x.com/impadultcare)

**About IMPACT’s Co-production Advisory Group (CpAG)**

IMPACT commits to promoting co-production, equality, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of its work. Central to this commitment is its Co-production Advisory Group. The Co-production Advisory Group has 10 members from across the UK, membership comes from each of the 5 Assemblies from across the UK, who will have two representatives on CpAG:

* One person who draws on care and support
* One unpaid carer

**The Role**

We are currently recruiting for one representative from Northern Ireland who draws on care and support. This means someone who has support from social care services or other forms of assistance to live their everyday life.

The 10-person Co-production Advisory Group is supported by IMPACT’s Lived Experience Engagement Lead.

Working together they will:

* Advise on, support, monitor and review IMPACT’s co-production activity
* Advise on local approaches to co-production in IMPACT’s four delivery models
* Produce an annual report for the Leadership Team on progress made during the year, areas of good practice and areas for further development
* Explore scope to provide peer support and share good practice with other groups that promote and support co-production.

**The Commitment**

All standard meetings of the Co-production Advisory Group will be online, with occasional optional in person meetings.

Members will:

* Take part in 2 development sessions per year
* Meet online three times per year
* Actively contribute to the work of the group until the end of 2027
* Receive payment in line with rates recommended by the National Institute for Health Research for their time and contribution. IMPACT will either cover or reimburse your out-of-pocket expenses and offers you an involvement payment of £150 per day (more than four hours), £75 per half day (up to four hours) or an hourly rate of £25 if less than 4 hours, including travel and preparation time.
* Will receive support to enable participation if required such as the cost of personal assistance or replacement care. This must be agreed in advance.

**To Get Involved**

* We ask eligible Assembly members to complete this short Microsoft Form to express their interest in taking part: <https://forms.office.com/e/DnvtEgF9y0>
* If you aren’t currently involved in the IMPACT Assembly in your nation, you can still express an interest in joining the Co-production Advisory Group. We can facilitate you joining the Assembly.
* Where we have more than one carer and one person who draws on care and support coming forward, we will allocate the roles to maximise equality, diversity & inclusion in line with protected characteristics. If we are oversubscribed beyond this, we will allocate roles on a random basis. To ensure fairness and impartiality, this random selection process will be recorded. (We anticipate that a number of people might be interested in getting even further involved with IMPACT, so please don’t be too disappointed if your expression of interest isn’t successful on this occasion).
* For any further questions, or for support filling out the Microsoft form, please contact Lived Experience Engagement Lead Suzie Crowter: s.crowter@bham.ac.uk