**Application form**

**The Patient and Carer Network (PCN) is a lively and engaged group of volunteers who support and help to shape the work of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) by providing the vital perspective of patients and carers.**

We aim to ensure the voices of a diverse group of patients and carers are heard and included in all of our work. We offer flexibility to support PCN members to participate at a time and in a way that suits your availability, interests, skills, experience and lifestyle.

Completing this form helps us to understand more about you and what you might be hoping to achieve from being a PCN member. We provide a range of support for volunteers and any information you provide about particular health needs will be treated confidentially.

**Please fill in the form below using full sentences or bullet points.** If you require any assistance with completing the form, would prefer to create a video or chat with a member of staff, please email [PCN@rcp.ac.uk](mailto:PCN@rcp.ac.uk) and we will be happy to help you.

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| Full name |  |
| Email address |  |
| Home address |  |

Please note we will be in touch separately with a request for equality and diversity monitoring data.

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| **Interests** |
| **Please outline why you are interested in becoming a PCN member (No more than 300 words)** |
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| **Skills and experience** |
| **What skills, experience and/or qualities would you bring to this role? What are you hoping to gain from the role? (No more than 300 words)** |
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| **In your view, what are the main healthcare issues currently faced by patients, carers and the public?**  **(No more than 100 words)** |
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Please email your completed form (or video alternative) to [PCN@rcp.ac.uk](mailto:PCN@rcp.ac.uk). We aim to be in touch with you within 15 days with the outcome of your application or with a request for further information.

Please note that according to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) policy, all data shared with us will be stored in a protected database and won’t be shared outside of the organisation.

*The RCP positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, transgender status, religion or belief, marital status or pregnancy and maternity.*

*The RCP is all about our people – our members, staff, volunteers and leaders. We educate, influence and collaborate to improve health and healthcare for everyone and know we can only do this by being inclusive, encouraging and celebrating diverse perspectives. Welcoming into our community people who represent the 21st-century medical workforce and the diverse population of patients we serve is a priority for us.*

As an employee/volunteer/temporary contractor you are expected to comply with all RCP data protection and security policies and procedures.