

Regional PCAF community

Steering group: Expressions of interest

Background

- There are a growing number of colleagues across the North East and North Cumbria who are somewhere on the “PCAF pathway” ([Pre-doctoral Clinical and Practitioner Academic Fellowship](#)). This means they are thinking about a PCAF application, or are already doing a PCAF, or have done one previously.
- We want to bring these people together to form a regional PCAF community. The purpose is to support and equip people who are at any point within that pathway.
- This is not just about providing information, but also about facilitating genuine peer-support – so that colleagues are able to share ideas, hints and tips, and encourage one another wherever they are in the process.

Role descriptions

- We are establishing a steering group to shape the community going forward. We will have support on this steering group from regional organisations such as the Research Design Service, the Clinical Research Network, and Newcastle Health Innovation Partners – including support for administration and communications.
- It is essential that we also have colleagues on the steering group who are somewhere on the PCAF pathway, so that the community is led and shaped by people with relevant insight and experience.
- We are looking for expressions of interest for colleagues to join the steering group, either as a member of the group, or as lead/co-lead of the group. Role descriptions would be broadly as follows:
 - Members of the steering group would meet several times per year (likely no more than quarterly, and likely via Teams), to set the direction of the community and plan events/activities
 - In addition, the lead/co-lead of the steering group would arrange steering group meetings, provide an agenda, chair the meetings, and monitor progress of actions

Expression of interest

- If you would like to put yourself forward to be on the steering group, **please send an email to NHIP.Academy@ncl.ac.uk by 5pm on Tuesday 31st January**, stating the following:
 - Your name, profession and employer
 - The clinical area you work in, and your research interests
 - Why you would like to be on the steering group (maximum 300 words)
 - Whether you would consider leading the steering group (either as lead or co-lead)