

Grants panel member

Improve carers' health and wellbeing with financial support

What's a Grants Panel member?

We administer the NHS Carers Grants scheme to help carers with a break, service, or training - anything that they tell us will improve their own health or wellbeing.

Your role as a panel member is to assess each application against the criteria on a monthly basis. The panel meets to combine scores and agree whether to approve, reject or defer applications

Visit our [grants webpage](#) and watch the video about the application process



What will you get out of it?

- Volunteer from home, attend the panel meeting in-person or online
- There are no set hours as long as you meet the deadlines; meetings are scheduled for the year so you can make other plans in advance
- You work as part of a team

What's involved?

- Each month we will send you an anonymous batch of applications by email - around 80 - to score and note any queries. You'll have at least a week to do this
- You will need internet and a laptop or tablet
- Attend the Panel on the last Tuesday morning of each month to combine scores and decisions
- The Panel rota gives each member one month "off" every 4 months

The skills you'll need

- Understand the challenges carers face - your own caring experience would be an advantage
- Non-judgmental and impartial
- Confident to speak up and to challenge
- Able to work within criteria and deadlines
- Good communicator, reliable and organised



How we will support you in this role?

- We'll give you a practice set of materials so you can have a go at scoring
- You can sit in on a Panel meeting and have a chat with the Chairperson
- Once you've got started, we'll send regular email updates and an invite to the annual refresher training
- We invite suggestions from Panel members to take to our Steering group

Your time

- This role works within the grants cycle and there is a set timetable
- You will need around 7 hours to score the applications, within a one week period each month
- Panel meetings last 2 - 3 hours once a month, last Tuesday of the month
- You can indicate your availability on the rota

How to apply

Please email or call us via the contact details below and we will take you through the simple application process

Where you will be volunteering?

- From home to score
- From the Bedford office or online for Panel meetings

Did you know?

- **20% of adults are unpaid carers and save the UK Government £162 billion every year**
- **70% of unpaid carers are not in employment**

How does this help carers?

- Carers can maintain their personal well-being and supported to live well
- Carers have a meaningful, fulfilling life
- Carers are listened to
- Carers can participate in their local community
- Carers can maintain their independence at home
- Carers have time away from caring responsibilities



Interested?

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