



WHO ARE WE?

We are the National Involvement Partnership (NIP), a coalition of the mental health organisations above, working with the National Mental Health Development Unit (NMHDU) supporting the involvement of service users and carers in all aspects of their work.

The National Mental Health Development Unit (NMHDU) was launched in April 2009 and is funded by the Department of Health and the NHS. National Mental Health Development Unit provides national support for implementing mental health policy to improve mental health and mental health services funded by the Department of Health and NHS.

NIP is currently working with a team of consultants GVA Grimley (who have been commissioned by NMHDU), to explore the experiences of those who have come into contact with the criminal justice system and how services to support them can be improved?

We are working with people who have a mental health diagnosis, learning disability and/or dual diagnosis **AND** have had **RECENT** contact with the criminal justice system and/or liaison and diversion services.

WHAT WOULD WE LIKE TO ASK YOU?

We would like to invite individuals with a mental health diagnosis, learning disability or a dual diagnosis, who have recent or current experience of the criminal justice system and/or the liaison and diversion pathway, to a workshop to discuss the following:

- **your views & experiences of these services**
- **your ideas around improving these**
- **what makes a good or better service**
- **all of the above from within a custody, court, prison and post- release setting**

The session will be designed to offer you an open opportunity to discuss your experiences of the criminal justice system and provide us with important input into our research. All information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and your identity will be protected. Personal information disclosed will not be identifiable or traceable to an individual and there will be no pressure to disclose any personal information.

There will be a training and briefing session at the beginning of the day which will explain all of the above in detail, giving you the chance to raise any questions or concerns you may have.



HOW MUCH WILL WE PAY YOU, WHEN AND WHERE?

We will pay you £75 for attendance at the four-hour session and we will also reimburse your reasonable travel expenses subject to receipts being provided.

Refreshments and lunch will be included and there will be comfort breaks and opportunities for informal conversation and relaxation.

There will be one session in **central Birmingham on Thursday 16th September** and one in **central London on Friday 17th September**. Please select the one nearest to your address.

Sessions will run from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm.

HOW WILL WE DECIDE WHO PARTICIPATES?

There are limited places available. All applications will be considered on their merit and a selection of people will be chosen to ensure a mixed and balanced representation from the wide diversity of our communities. We hope to invite participants within a week of the closing date.

If you are interested in being considered for selection please complete the **APPLICATION** and **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES** forms and submit either by

Email to: fran.singer@nsun.org.uk

Or send by **Post** to:
Fran Singer, Co - Coordinator
National Involvement Project,
NSUN PO Box 64620, London SW8 9BJ

CLOSING DATE midday on Tuesday 31st August

**If you have any questions you can phone Fran to talk them through on 0845 602 0779
If you need support completing the forms or don't want to write please let us know
how we can help?**