

Local Network Medical Advisor

Our 50 Local Networks operate across the UK bringing local people affected by Crohn's and Colitis together and raising awareness of the conditions with members of the public. From educational talks to social events, we help give people the comfort and confidence to live freer and fuller lives.

And together, we can make our voice heard.

Strong links with local Healthcare Professionals are invaluable to our local Networks as they connect volunteers with their local medical community, promote their events and activity and, finally, ensure that we remain a strong, visible presence everyone affected by Crohn's and Colitis.

Some Medical Advisors attend the Organising Team meetings of their Network, but this is not a requirement. We recognise that many Healthcare Professionals have very heavy commitments in clinical practice, teaching, research or management and there is considerable variation in their availability.

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What this role involves:

- Building and maintaining a strong relationship with your Local Network
- Promoting your Local Network's events and raise their profile among your patients and peers
- Promoting the value of information, education and self-help for patients and their families
- Ensuring that patients are sufficiently aware of Crohn's & Colitis UK's latest patient information and wider work

Specific tasks may include:

- Helping to identify potential volunteers for the Network.
- Provide support and advice to the Organising Team with medical articles for the Network's newsletter
- Identifying colleagues or other suitable speakers for volunteer-hosted events
- Attending Organising Team meetings and other events when possible.
- Taking messages back to clinics and ensuring up to date information and publications are being used

Who we are looking for:

- Anybody working with IBD patients including, but not limited to, IBD Nurse Specialists, Consultant Gastroenterologists, Colorectal Surgeons and multi-disciplinary team members

What we can offer you:

- Insight into the work of Crohn's & Colitis UK and our aims for the future
 - A chance to be involved with projects in the early stages
 - Build and support a community of your patients
 - Promote the work of the Network and ensure anybody who needs us knows we are here and has access to our support
 - Continuous personal development/development of professional skills
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Our agreement

Crohn's & Colitis UK will:

- Support you in your work with the Network and Crohn's & Colitis UK through a dedicated Volunteer/Network Development Officer
- Provide access to resources, materials and our latest publications
- Support and promote the work of your local IBD service and relevant panels
- Offer funding opportunities through our Local Grants programme

You will:

- Attend two meetings and two events per calendar year
- Maintain regular communication with the designated volunteer from your Local Network
- Keep up to date with the work of Crohn's & Colitis UK and your Local Network's activity
- Ensure your patients and hospital are sufficiently aware of Crohn's & Colitis UK's patient information
- Support your Local Network with tasks mentioned in the Medical Advisor role description
- Subscribe to recommended Crohn's & Colitis UK updates such as our campaigns list, The Snapshot and our monthly e-newsletter)

Your Local Network will:

- Keep you updated on Network news and the impact of your work with them
- Give at least 6 weeks' notice when requesting your attendance at any meeting/event
- Connect you with your local Crohn's and Colitis community
- Submit Local Grant applications on your behalf