



Elections for BIGSPD Executive Member

Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a member of the BIGSPD Executive.

The process for election is as follows:

- All prospective candidates need to be members of BIGSPD;
- Candidates need to be proposed and seconded by two existing members of the BIGSPD Executive;
- Candidates should complete the nomination form below;
- All nominations should be returned to: bigspd@northernnetworking.co.uk
- Deadline for the receipt of nominations is: **Friday, 22nd January 2021**
- BIGSPD Members will vote on the submissions (closing date: Friday 29th January 2021)
- The **three** successful candidates will be informed shortly thereafter.

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Name: Andrea Cockram	
Proposer: Julia Blazdell	Secunder: Kath Lovell
Please outline your reasons for wishing to be a member of the BIGSPD Executive:	
<p>I have worked in the field of personality Disorder for over 20 years and believe I have a lot to contribute to the discussion around services, treatment and pathways. I am passionate about ensuring service users and carers experience services in a helpful and supportive way. I also believe it is critical that our staff have the right attitudes, knowledge and competence to work effectively so they can begin to support our service users in making a difference. I believe this role can continue to support me in what I do but also provide an opportunity to share my learning, experiences and challenges</p> <p>I have clinical, training, supervisory and consultation experience that I can bring. I am now in a lead position to shape and develop our Personality Disorder pathway and being a member of this committee would help me in understanding the national picture so we can remain fully informed and involved in any developments</p> <p>I want to make a difference in services. I became a member of the KUF team to do this through training and I believe this opportunity helps me to continue to try and contribute and influence in a positive way. The relationships I have developed with individuals and services are really important to me and I believe this opportunity can only strengthen that through new relationships.</p> <p>I am currently based within the East Midlands (Nottingham) and within secondary mental health services. I am also in a Nurse by background. This will hopefully provide some breadth within the group in terms of role and geography</p>	
What skills, knowledge and experience will you bring to the role?	
<p>I believe I have a wealth of experience I can bring to this role. I have worked in a range of clinical settings from High secure to Adult Mental Health Services for over 20 years. I also have inpatient and community experience. I am trained in most of the interventions identified within the evidence based for Personality Disorder. I currently lead on the implementation of Structured Clinical Management across 11 community teams in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire I was part of the National Team for the KUF and delivered across the 3 levels of training. I also developed training for the prison service and reception staff. I believe it is critically important to have a trained workforce I continue to deliver training in my current role.</p>	

My experience to date I believe puts me in a good position to be able to bring a clinical, training and service development perspective to the conversations around personality disorder. I have been in different roles that have afforded me the opportunity to help shape and develop services across the different levels of security. I am aware of the challenges but also can talk about the benefits of working effectively with individuals who identify with this diagnosis.

My role within the KUF team absolutely cemented for me the importance of lived experience and I am keen to think about how we get to a position we once had with the involvement of individuals with lived experience within personality disorder training and services but feel it has lost its way somewhat over the last few years

If you could bring one innovation to the BIGSPD Executive, what would it be?

The challenge of implementing structured clinical management across 11 very different community teams, training the workforce and maintaining ongoing supervision to support the intervention – as you could imagine it has not been easy!!!