

Experiences of people over the age of 55 in psychiatric forensic services



- *Have you used mental health Forensic services?*
- *Are you aged 55 or over?*
- *Want to help a research team?*

We have some questions about how forensic psychiatric services help people aged 55 and older. What are the issues faced by this group of people? What gets in the way of people making progress? What helps? Researchers and people with lived experience have worked together to design a research study and the National Institute of Health Research has agreed to fund it. The work will start on 1 July 2019 and finish in March 2021.

We are now seeking two more members to help form the Lived Experience Advisory Group. This group will help to shape the research as it goes forward. You need to be at least 55 years old and have personal experience of using forensic services. You must be willing and able to travel, as meetings will take place in Northampton and Nottingham.

Expenses will be covered, and we will offer you up to £80 for participating in a meeting or other approved activity (the budget could fund about eight of these payments for each person over the life of the study). Training and support will be provided.

You need to be able and willing to talk to the researchers about your ideas. We will also send out documents for you to study at home and then send in your comments. There will be opportunities to help make sense of the findings, contribute to reports and publications and, for at least one Adviser (if you would like to do this), to speak at a conference.

To find out more and apply for the role, contact peter.bates@ndti.org.uk or phone Peter on 07710 439 677 for a conversation about it.