**VOLUNTEER LAY REP POSITION AVAILABLE**

**Urgent Call for members**

**Clinical Research Imaging Facility Approval Group**

**COMMITTEE DETAILS:**

Clinical Research Imaging Facility (CRIF) Approval Group

Delegated by West of Scotland Research Ethics Committee

Expected meeting date: Monthly - Usually the last Tuesday every month

Meeting Duration: 1-2 hours

Volume of activity: maximum of 3 imaging development applications considered per meeting

Location: Online

We have an opportunity for those interested in health research and ethics. Research Ethics Committee members are volunteers who review new research projects taking place in the UK from an ethical viewpoint, protecting patients and the public while promoting good ethical research. The West of Scotland Research Ethics Service is currently seeking to recruit a new member, either Expert or Lay to support the Clinical Research Imaging Facility (CRIF) Approval Group, which specifically reviews studies that are developing new scanning techniques with MRI. Since March 2020 meetings have been conducted virtually (currently via Microsoft Teams), which allows us to expand our membership outside of the Glasgow area and avoid travel.

The committee reviews research applications and gives an opinion as to whether the research is ethical. The position can be highly rewarding and covers a diverse range of research topics. Projects are focused on developing scanning techniques and may involve healthy volunteers as well as patients. You should expect to spend approximately 2 hours per month at meetings and some additional time in preparatory work. Meetings provide an opportunity to interact with researchers and discuss proposals. REC members receive training in ethical review and have opportunities to debate challenging ethical issues.

The work is voluntary and involves reading submissions prior to the meeting and attending a monthly meeting of the CRIF Approval Group (there are usually about 11 meetings in the year). Training is provided.

Meetings are generally scheduled for the last Tuesday afternoon each month, approximately 2-4pm, but may vary depending on availability of members.

Members may also be involved in follow-on work, which is generally conducted via email.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE EMAIL -** CRIFDevelopmentApplications@ggc.scot.nhs.uk