



Call for Expressions of Interest for Human Research Ethics Committee Chair at Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network

The Chair of the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (JH&FMHN) Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) is completing her term in the coming months.

Expressions of interest (EOI) are invited from persons interested in the role of Chair of the Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network (JH&FMHN) Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC).

The HREC assists JH&FMHN to protect the welfare and rights of research participants in custodial and forensic mental health settings in NSW and/or staff of JH&FMHN and to minimise the risk of harm arising from these health research studies. Committee members are required to apply the ethical principles and values set out in the [National Statement of Ethical Conduct in Human Research \(2007\)](#) and JH&FMHN policy, and to review applications and consider the ethical implications of proposed research on JH&FMHN patients. HREC members help to advance research in an important and practical way by bringing an independent view to the committee.

The applicant must align to the [Network's Strategic Plan](#) to support the development of patients and staff.

To be considered for this position, applicants can be JH&FMHN staff members or external to The Network, but their other responsibilities must not impair the HREC's capacity to carry out its obligations under the National Statement of Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007).

Applicants must also possess high standards of integrity, be willing to actively lead and contribute to HREC meetings (normally 6 meetings per year), have the ability to review large proposals within short time timeframes, and possess effective interpersonal skills.

Current or previous research experience, ethics committee experience, and/or senior academic or management experience will be highly regarded.

Applicants are expected to hold a senior position within their institution.

Please submit a full CV with your EOI.

The role of Chair will commence mid-2022 but open to negotiation if required.

Chairing the HREC is regarded as a high level governance activity at JH&FMHN. The role does carry remuneration with it for certain applicants.

Expressions of interest are due by 12th of June 2022, and should be submitted to the Research Governance and Ethics Officer, Victoria (Tori) Bell, JHFMH-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au.

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Victoria (Tori) Bell, Research Governance and Ethics Officer, JHFMH-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au, (02) 9700 3443, to discuss their queries.