

NHS England's Older People's Sounding Board

If you're over the age of 50, passionate about improving health services for older people, and have experiences using NHS services, then we want to connect with you!

We are currently recruiting 25 people to form NHS England's **Older People's Sounding Board**

This is a unique opportunity for people to share their thoughts with **NHS England** on the early stages of health policy and proposed service developments so that they work better for **all** older people.

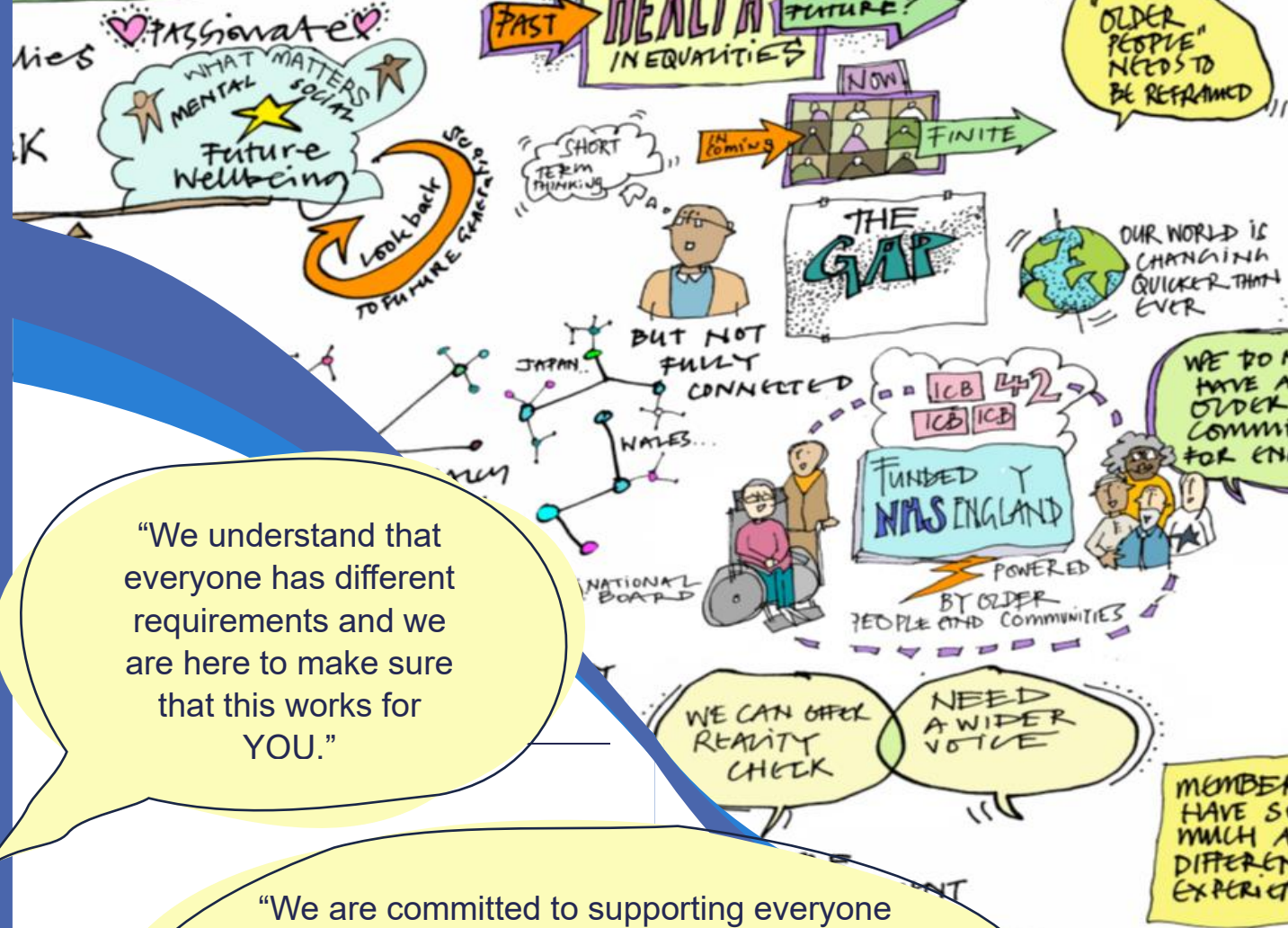
The Sounding Board will meet approximately **once a month** both in person and online.

"We understand that everyone has different requirements and we are here to make sure that this works for **YOU.**"

"We are committed to supporting everyone to contribute, with one to one phone calls, IT support for online meetings, covering costs of enabling your meeting in person and making reasonable adjustments."

Please express your interest **before 9 am on Monday 22 January 2024**

You can express an interest in joining the Sounding Board by [filling in the online form](#) or if you have any questions email equallivesteam@ndti.org.uk



What we are looking for



The poster features the NDTi logo (National Development Team for Inclusion) and the NHS England logo at the top. Below them, the text reads 'NHS Sounding Board' and 'NHS England's Sounding Board, hosted by NDTi is a group of 25 people over the age of 50 who provide valuable, 'critical friend' input into NHS England's work.' Underneath, it says 'We Are Looking For' followed by three circular icons: '25 People', 'Aged 50+', and 'Living In England'. At the bottom, a blue brushstroke contains the text 'Lived Experience or Volunteering Experience'. There are also small icons of diverse people's faces around the text.

We're seeking individuals interested in health and social care, with experience in areas like advocacy, hospice services, consumer affairs, health research, and more.

Sounding Board members should bring perspectives from older people and communities to policy discussions, have a commitment to equality and diversity, and possess relevant skills.

The role of Board Members

Board Members are expected to actively participate in meetings by preparing in advance, contributing to the agenda, and promoting awareness of key issues and best practices.

They need to make sure that different points of view, especially from older people and communities, are thought about when making decisions.

Board members should also support the variety of partner voices and ask challenging questions to create a questioning, creative, and helpful environment.

How Sounding Boards will work

The Sounding Board will have online meetings using Zoom. If you're not familiar with it, we'll help you learn.

We'll also meet in person at places near train stations, covering your stay and costs.

We'll give you training, help with tech issues, and reimburse expenses like travel.

There might be more chances for activities, like joining NHS England's Citizen Advisory Group, where you could get a fee and expenses covered.

“Having insight from the Sounding Board members into how services are received and how they can be improved is really important to clinical and policy leads across the NHS and makes a real difference to patients in England”

Dr. Adrian Hayter, National Clinical Director for Older People and Integrated Person Centred Care, NHS England