

About the Public Involvement Forum

Q. What is the Public Involvement Forum?

The Public Involvement Forum is a community of people who wish to use their wisdom and skillset to help students studying Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Buckingham to become outstanding Healthcare Professionals.

 Q. Who can become a member?

The forum is open to anyone who wishes to share their skills, knowledge and experience with the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Buckingham University. Our members come from all walks of life and we welcome people from all backgrounds.

Q. What are the membership types?

PIF members can join as lay representatives or expert patients.

* Lay members are given the opportunity to sit in committees where their knowledge and expertise can contribute to the successful running of the course.
* Expert patients are invited by Clinical Educators and Lecturers to talk to students and provide them with insight into their condition.

We also welcome general members who wish to be a friend to the medical school. Members are all recognised as part of the wider “University Family Network.”

Q. How will I be communicated with?

Once you have completed a Membership Form (also called a Contact Consent Form) you will be added the PIF mailing list. You will be kept up-to-date with Medical School news and events. You are welcome to contact us anytime via [fmhs-pif@buckingham.ac.uk](mailto:fmhs-pif@buckingham.ac.uk).

As an expert patient, you may be contacted by one of our Clinical Educators or Lecturers to discuss meeting with our students.

Q. What are the benefits of joining?

* You will receive a termly newsletter with messages from the Dean and the Chair.
* You will be invited to regular PIF meetings.
* You will be invited to events such as open days, tours and talks.
* You will have opportunities to meet and interact with our brilliant students!