



## Expression of Interest for Panel of Health Care Professionals for HSE National Library COVID-19 Evidence Team.

As part of the HSE response to COVID-19 in March 2020, the HSE National Library Service convened a National Library Evidence team to respond to COVID-19 research requests. The team work with internal and external stakeholders including: HSE Clinical Design and Innovation, National Clinical Programmes, Research and Evidence, HIQA and recently with NIAC. The team produces and publishes summaries of evidence on COVID-19 related topics, available <https://hselibrary.ie/covid19-evidence-summaries/>. The demand for summaries of evidence from multiple stakeholders is continuous. As new evidence emerges, this service helps to equip the health service to put in responses based on the best available evidence.

The team is made up of qualified librarians with expertise in formulating an answerable question and acquiring best evidence in response to a specific question.

The Library is seeking expressions of interests from any of the following healthcare professionals to join a panel:

- Doctors
- Health and Social Care Professionals
- Nurses and Midwives

A panel of healthcare professionals will be created to work with the National Evidence team to assist with and build capacity in critical appraisal of the evidence, data extraction and synthesis, and writing the final evidence summaries. Namely the critical appraisal of the evidence collated by the team and the production of a summary to assist with the outcomes and dissemination of findings. Assistance for outcomes assessment is also desirable.

The **time commitment** required amounts to:

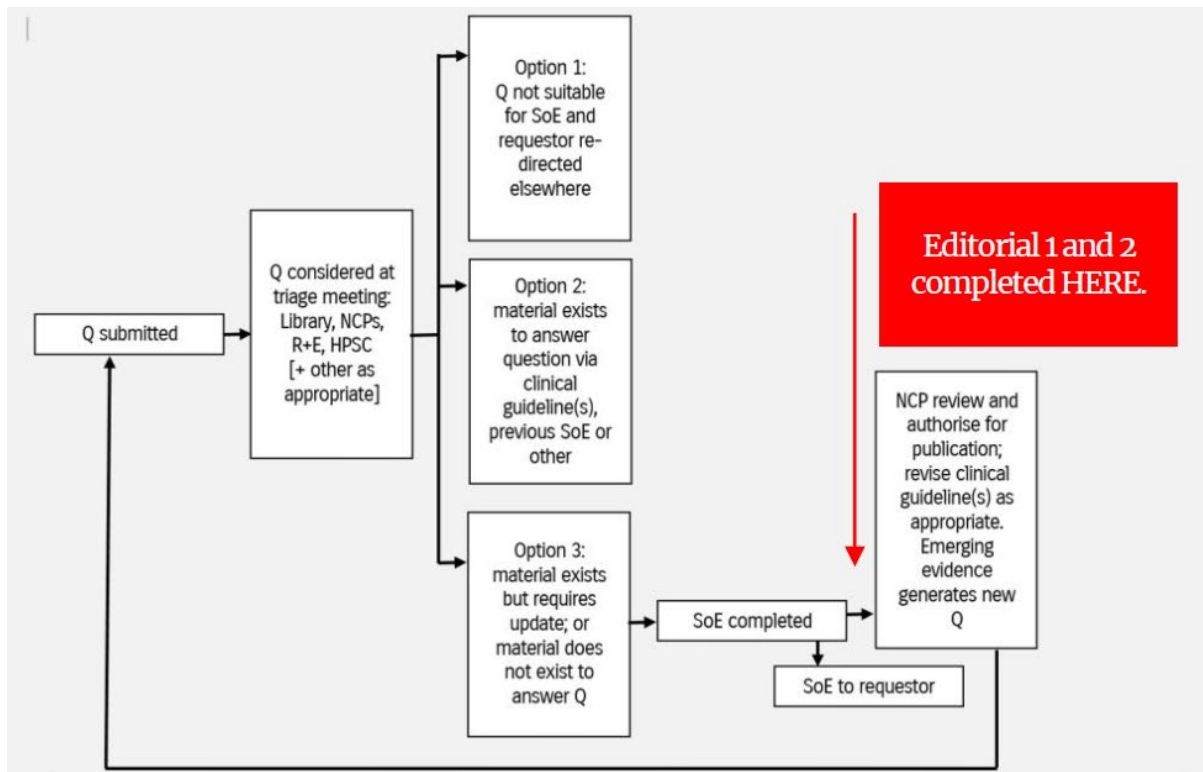
Approximately 3-4 hours per week, reviewing approximately 1 Summary of Evidence

### **Skillset required:**

There are three main areas of competency which would be suitable for the panel:

1. Critical appraisal of published and unpublished literature in all its formats including peer-reviewed, non-peer reviewed.
2. Clinical knowledge and subject expertise in a healthcare profession
3. Writing, synthesizing and summarizing information and data.

**Description of Work:** Please see attached workflow for research questions received.



### Reporting Relationship:

An informal reporting relationship to the Lead Librarian of the Evidence Team, Bennery Rickard is anticipated.

### Skills gained and return for panel:

All contributors from the panel will be named and acknowledged as editors on published summaries of evidence Summaries of Evidence and the panel will contribute to the national response to COVID-19.

This contribution to publications is eligible for self-recording as professional competence development under categories of research and training or personal development for medical doctors and for most other healthcare professionals. Contributors will have access to a hyperlink to the published article as evidence of their contribution.

Many professional bodies accredit research activity, editing and producing publications etc. as a valid learning activity for CPD recognition. Work carried out as part of the Editorial panel may be deemed appropriate for CPD credit. Please refer to your Professional Body for further information.

All panellists may sign up for an eLibrary 'Athens' account for the duration of their work with the panel. This will give access to electronic journals and resources from any device.