

# **IPPOSI Advocacy and Research Officer**

**(Maternity cover – 3 days per week)**

## **Role background and purpose:**

This role will ensure that IPPOSI can develop strong, evidence-based policy positions and deliver on an engagement plan that will communicate IPPOSI recommendations for policy related to improving equitable patient access to health innovation. This role will enable IPPOSI to deliver on the Advocacy objectives and KPI's over the course of the current IPPOSI strategy (2016-2020).

## **Main duties and responsibilities include;**

- Progress an IPPOSI Advocacy and Research agenda
- Proactively monitor relevant developments in Irish and international policy and practice
- Coordinate the dissemination of information to IPPOSI stakeholders
- Collaborate with relevant organisations on advocacy and research issues
- Respond to requests, comments or media enquiries with the IPPOSI Comms. Manager
- Map key policy stakeholders and deliver on an engagement plan with the CEO to communicate IPPOSI positions on priority policy areas agreed by IPPOSI members

## **The ideal candidate will have;**

- Third level qualification in communications / health and/or public policy and advocacy
- 2-3 years post qualification work experience in a relevant organisation
- Familiarisation of the general healthcare environment
- Research experience
- An understanding of the legislative process and how policy is made in Ireland

## **Role description:**

An Advocacy and Research person with the dual capacity to gain in-depth knowledge of particular health and research policy areas and at the same time quickly turn around relevant facts and figures for press releases, media inquiries and web content. A person who can turn complex health policy issues into key tangible policy objectives and is an effective communicator when engaging with policy decision-makers and influencers.

**Reports to:** IPPOSI Chief Executive

## **Key Duties to Include:**

- Research identified issue/policy priority and prioritise areas for action. Mapping of key stakeholders associated with each topic and agreeing a communications and engagement plan.
- Monitor and evaluate current information sources; research and strive to continuously improve IPPOSI's understanding and awareness of health policy that impacts patient access to health innovation.
- Develop IPPOSI positions and policy recommendations on each issue, based on evidence, suggesting realistic solutions.
- Write reports and briefing documents, prepare materials, data and information to support IPPOSI publications and online resources, develop key messages for advocacy work and promote awareness of IPPOSI and its core elements.
- Proactively monitor relevant developments in Irish and international policy and practice.
- Collaborate with similar organisations on advocacy and research issues.
- Co-ordinate the dissemination of information to stakeholders.

- Respond to requests for information from IPPOSI member groups, stakeholders and members of the public on key priority policy issues.
- In consultation with the Chief Executive, develop networks of stakeholders and member organisations to devise and implement policies on priority issues of common good.
- Become and remain familiar with issues affecting patient access in Ireland and participate in relevant networks for the organisation.

**Proposed key outputs for this position**

1. A number of strong IPPOSI policy positions in the maternity cover period on prioritised, relevant health topics
2. Increased awareness and appreciation of IPPOSI policy-related outputs among policy-makers