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## Aim and Purpose

***‘work collaboratively to actively participate in mental health systems and reforms in Brisbane North’.***

Specifically, the functions of the Network include:

- a) Collaborative development of a regional network of peers to provide **‘a voice’** for people with a lived experience as either a consumer or carer to the mental health sector in Brisbane North.
- b) **Support to other people** with a lived experience who want to actively participate in the mental health system reform process and/or are accessing mental health services.
- c) An opportunity to have **regular updates and input** around services, policy, program and system developments.
- d) An opportunity to have regular updates and **identify strategies to improve** engagement, participation, training and employment opportunities.
- e) **Advice regarding emerging issues** faced by consumers and carers in the mental health sector.
- f) Participate in the **co-design opportunities** that evolve either through the PHN or other government and non-government services.

## Membership

The PPIMS Network consists of PLE who live and/or work in Brisbane North. Network members include:

- *Consumers and Carers with a lived experience (LE) with mental health issues*
- *Peer Workers (paid and volunteers)*
- *Mental Health Workers who have a lived experience with mental health issues*
- *Consumer Advocacy Organisations and Voluntary Groups that provide peer support programs*
- *Trainers, Educators, Students and academics that have a lived experience*
- *Consumer and Carer representatives on other committees, boards or advisory groups*

Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, to rsvp please email [ppims@brisbanenorthphn.org.au](mailto:ppims@brisbanenorthphn.org.au)

**“Nothing about us without us”**

