

January 2022

Call Out for Artists, Designers & Illustrators

WHAT? A Commission to make a series of original work to enhance the staff and patient areas of the newly located Clinical Research Centre (B5) Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport.

WHY? The Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Clinical Research Centre and Research & Development departments have recently moved into new accommodation on Ward B5 North (Royal Gwent Hospital) and wish to enhance the staff and user experience of the working and waiting areas with a series of works.

HOW? We are looking for visual artists, designers and illustrators who are interested in the themes mentioned below and can produce an integrated series of works that can perform across a range of scales when reproduced digitally. We would hope to involve the artists in internal presentations & workshops about the artwork in late Spring 2022.

WHERE? The department is in B Block of the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport. A site visit is not essential to create the work but is desirable to gain an understanding of place. A remote alternative can be arranged.

WHEN? We would like the completed designs to be printed and installed by 31st March 2022 – there will be some flexibility in production time if needed and discussed in advance.

THEMES: We are looking for a series of works that combines meaningful words with illustrations, photography or other media drawn from or inspired by clinical research from past to present. We are also interested in references to our local and Health Board-wide visual and geographical culture – our unit serves a diverse population from across Gwent and the surrounding areas. Some starting points could be:

- Plants used in medicine – e.g. willow bark / aspirin,
- Medical Mycology, Penicillin and the development of antibiotics
- James Lind (1716-94) who conducted one of the first ever clinical trials by research into the prevention of scurvy (Vit. C deficiency)
- The development of Vaccines
- Personalised medicine and DNA
- Recognition of the atrocities carried out in the name of clinical research across history e.g. the Experiments of Dr Josef Mengele/USPHS Syphilis Study at Tuskegee

COMMISSION AWARD: £2500 for a series of approximately 10-15 designs/artworks (the fee is inclusive of any costs associated with designing the work), £500 for presentation/workshop fees (tbc) = Total £3000. There is a separate budget for the production & manufacture of final work.

DEADLINE: Expressions of Interest to be received by 12pm Monday 24th January

HOW TO APPLY: Please send the following **by email** to Sarah.Goodey@wales.nhs.uk:

- A brief letter of introduction (500 words)
- Your response to the brief which can include images – 2 sides of A4 (or equivalent) only
- Your CV/equivalent highlighting your previous work in this area
- You may include links to work online but please be aware we may not be able to access links to online drives. Please advise us if you intend to send large files by WeTransfer.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sarah.Goodey@wales.nhs.uk - 07976 375781

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