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Supporting Statement for the Application of the Role of Lay Member, Single Technology Appraisal Empaggliflozin combination Therapyfor treating Type 2 Diabetes

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- Over the years I have been involved in a series of meetings on quality standards and advisory roles. Consequently I have developed a commitment to contribute and advocate for improvement of NHS healthcare and Social Care practices based on patients, service users and carer's preferences and informed choices.
- My personal experience of using the NHS and Social Care services has given me no other choice but to be involved in my own care whether at the GP Surgery or at the hospital where I have deliberately opted for Shared Care. My personal experience of patients, service users and carers at the grass-root level shows that these target groups want to be more involved in their own care and to be empowered to make informed choices. Patient involvement in personal care can reduce the cost of care and improve quality of health and social care delivery services, especially if patients and service users are enabled to understand the risks of their health conditions. A successful medical treatment is a partnership between the professional and the person receiving the treatment or social care.
- So far I do not have problems understanding medical, social care and research language because I am a recipient of medical and social care services and I have carried out Health and Social Care researches in the past. Explanatory notes from NICE on technical terms have been very helpful as well and do represent ethnic comunittees at strategic levels in the NHS.
- As a Carer of a physically disabled person who uses the NHS and Social Care services I find that needs assessment require a more empathetic approach. Where assessor's and health care professional's system of education and training are not robust and holistic enough to equip them adequately, there will be gaps in quality service delivery. These gaps will in turn impact adversely on the quality of care being delivered. it is important for the professional to inform patients of their risks and be given preventative education to enable them to participate actively in their own care.
- I have personally developed relevant policies for the Diabetes Patients and Community groups that I manage and I ensure that the policies are implemented when needed.