

Health Economist/Reviewer

Kleijnen Systematic Reviews Ltd (KSR Ltd) prepares systematic reviews, technology assessments and critical appraisals for bodies such as the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), pharmaceutical companies and health technology assessment agencies.

The job holder will be responsible for carrying out systematic reviews and health technology assessments, and for providing health economics advice and support to others working on systematic reviews. The job holder will be responsible for de novo cost effectiveness model construction as part of the health economics team. It is essential that the job holder has experience in preparing cost effectiveness analyses and has a thorough knowledge of the methodology of primary patient based research. Experience of constructing decision analytic models and conducting systematic reviews would be desirable.

The job holder must hold a Masters in either Health Economics or a related discipline. If the job holder does not have a PhD, they may work on a PhD programme as part of their employment. Good communication skills, both oral and written are essential. An understanding of the health field and the NHS is essential.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Carrying out rigorous systematic reviews of the health care literature and producing reports. Reviews are commissioned from a variety of sources including national and international Departments of Health, health technology assessment agencies, and pharmaceutical companies. Reviews may be about therapeutic interventions, screening and diagnostic interventions, and also about aetiological or prognosis topics.
- In response to requests from commissioners, carrying out quick scoping exercises to assess the possible well formulated questions and likely size of systematic reviews and health technology assessments.
- Carrying out high quality health care economic evaluations using decision analytic modelling and producing reports. This type of modelling requires liaison with relevant clinical experts as required and the synthesis of evidence from various sources including systematic reviews.
- In response to commissioners, carrying out critical appraisal of decision analytic models developed by others.
- Participating in the training activities of KSR Ltd as lecturer and tutor.
- Participating in the dissemination and marketing activity of KSR Ltd. This might involve, for example, representing KSR Ltd at conferences, seminars and other external events. Occasionally, overseas travel will be necessary for meetings or conferences.
- Carrying out additional duties, as agreed with the Health Economics Manager.

The job holder will be encouraged to attend conferences and meetings in health services research and other relevant fields and to keep in touch with their particular disciplinary interests.