

## **Health Economics Manager**

### **Full time, based in Escrick, York**

Kleijnen Systematic Reviews Ltd (KSR) prepares systematic reviews, health 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. KSR was established in 2005 and is based in modern offices south of Escrick, York.

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a senior health economist to join KSR and lead our team of health economists. The successful candidate will have a substantial role in our work for NICE, taking a role in project management of various types of reviews as well as providing an input into the health economics analyses. The post holder will liaise with two external health economics teams to ensure consistency and quality of the reports.

The job holder will be responsible for carrying out, supervising and developing a programme of systematic reviews and health technology assessments as well as 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. 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 is also essential. The job holder must have experience of managing both projects and people.

The job holder must be an experienced health economist with a PhD and a Masters in health economics or a similar discipline. Good communication skills, both oral and written, are essential. An understanding of the health field and the National Health Service (NHS) is essential.

Responsibilities include the following:

- Supervision of systematic reviews and health technology assessments carried out within KSR. This will include managing projects, providing academic support and supervising junior team members.
- Attending meetings with commissioners.
- Contributing to KSR databases.
- Developing proposals for funding of projects.
- Consideration of possible systematic reviews KSR Ltd might prepare in response to requests from commissioners or tenders, and liaison with review commissioners.
- 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.
- Supervising 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 as lecturer and tutor both internally and externally.
- Participating in the dissemination and marketing activities of KSR. This might involve, for example, representing KSR at conferences, seminars and other external events. Occasionally, overseas travel will be necessary for meetings or conferences.
- Leading and further developing the health economics team at KSR.

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.

The successful applicant must have, or be able to display, the following:

	Essential	Desirable
PhD in a relevant health related subject	✓	
Masters in health economics or related discipline	✓	
Substantial work experience of health economics and preparing cost effectiveness analyses in a senior role (minimum three years)	✓	
A good understanding of the health field and the NHS	✓	
Able to plan, organise and co-ordinate your own workload, work accurately to meet deadlines and manage conflicting priorities by prioritising key tasks.	✓	
Proven ability to manage a team and mentor and develop junior staff	✓	
Able to communicate confidently, positively and appropriately with commissioners and KSR staff both verbally and in writing.	✓	
Ability to use own initiative with a proactive approach to problem solving.	✓	
Demonstrate excellent IT skills and a proven ability and experience of working with MS Office.	✓	
Experience of working with relevant software such as R, Stata or Treeage would be desirable.		✓

Training will be provided by attending courses and 'on the job'.

We offer an attractive salary with a guaranteed 5% annual increment, permanent contracts (subject to a probationary period), profit related bonuses and flexible working hours. The post is based in KSR's offices, which are located at Escrick Business Park, approximately eight miles south of York.

KSR is currently moving to an Employee Ownership Trust (EOT) and the post holder will be able to share in the future benefits this will bring.

### **Informal Enquiries**

Prospective applicants who wish to discuss the post should contact Robert Wolff ([robert@systematic-reviews.com](mailto:robert@systematic-reviews.com)) or Jos Kleijnen ([jos@systematic-reviews.com](mailto:jos@systematic-reviews.com)) by email.

### **How to apply**

Please send your CV with covering letter to Jeanette Kleijnen, email [jeanette@systematic-reviews.com](mailto:jeanette@systematic-reviews.com). The covering letter should clearly explain your suitability for the post in light of the criteria identified above.