

# TaskExchange for CRGs: A hub for finding consumer reviewers



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# Cochrane Peer Review Policy

As a minimum standard, every Cochrane Review will be peer-reviewed by

- at least one clinical/topic specialist
- one statistician/methodologist
- **it is expected that CRGs aim to include at least one consumer reviewer per Cochrane protocol and review**



# Why TaskExchange?

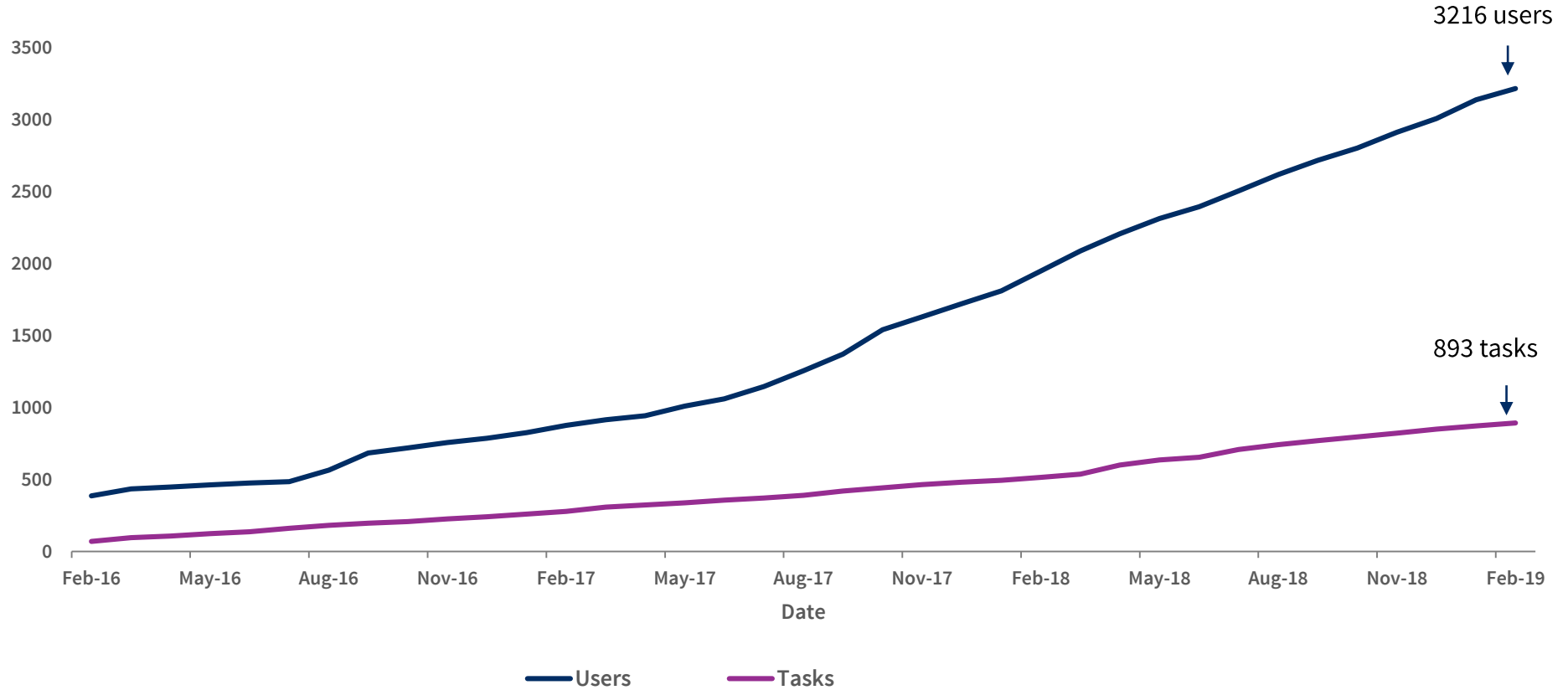


# What is TaskExchange?

- An online platform that brings people together to get health evidence projects done more quickly
  - Systematic review, guideline or other evidence synthesis work
- **The place to go if you need help**
  - **A way to overcome time & skill challenges**
- The place to go if you want to help out



# We are a global health evidence synthesis community of > 3200 people

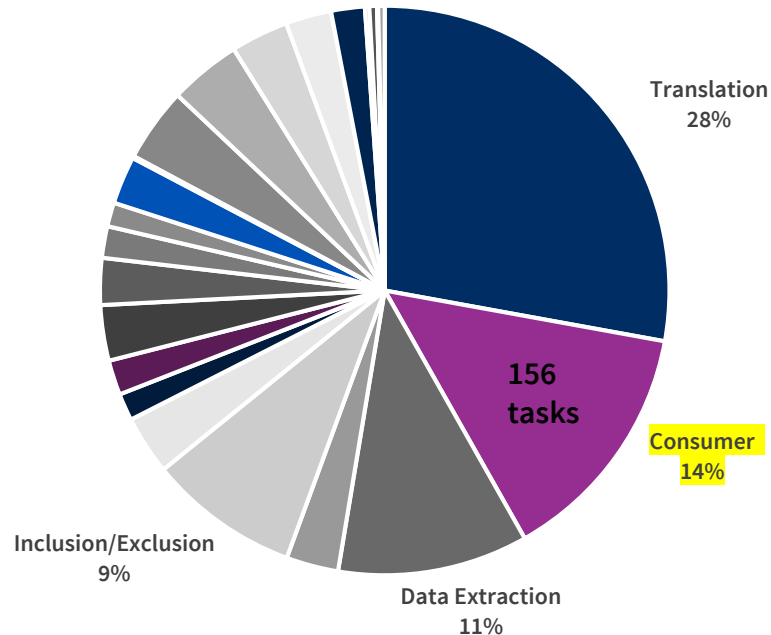


# 78% of task posters find the help they need on TaskExchange



## Consumer tasks are the second most common task type

Type of tasks posted on TaskExchange



# CRGs and consumer tasks

- 156 consumer tasks have been posted to date
- 22 CRGs (42%) have posted one or more consumer tasks





# Example consumer task



Cathryn Broderick

🕒 Needed 19 Mar '19

🏆 Acknowledgement

Share



🚩 Report task

 **Cochrane** – Vascular

Heart & circulation

## Consumer input needed for protocols investigating treatments for hereditary angioedema

Skills: Consumer Input, Review - Consumer

'Pharmaceutical treatments for acute hereditary angioedema attacks' and 'Pharmaceutical treatments for prevention of hereditary angioedema attacks'

We are looking for people to comment on the protocols 'Pharmaceutical treatments for acute hereditary angioedema attacks' and 'Pharmaceutical treatments for prevention of hereditary angioedema attacks'. If you have personal or carer experience of this condition your comments would be very useful. Systematic review methodology expertise is not needed. If you are interested we will send you the protocol and a comments checklist.

### Ideal Applicant

A patient or carer with experience of HAE

# Example consumer task



Emma Sydenham

🕒 Needed 01 Mar '19

🏆 Acknowledgement

Share



🚩 Report task

 **Cochrane** – Injuries

Orthopaedics & trauma

## Have you had brain surgery?

Skills: Consumer Input

Decompressive craniectomy for the treatment of high intracranial pressure in closed traumatic brain injury

We are finalising the update of a review on decompressive craniectomy (removal of a piece of skull bone to reduce pressure on the brain) after traumatic brain injury. We invite input from people who have had this procedure.

### Ideal Applicant

A person who has had decompressive craniectomy surgery; or, a person who chose not to have the procedure.

# How TaskExchange works for posters

<https://taskexchange.cochrane.org/>

## Why TaskExchange?

Get the help you need to get your  
evidence project done more quickly

Post a task on TaskExchange



Find out more or give us feedback:  
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Cochrane TaskExchange now partnering with  
the Guidelines International Network to grow  
and strengthen the health evidence community.

# Tips for posting consumer review tasks

- Put 'consumer' in the task title
- Put the health area in the task title
- Specify approx. how much work (hours) will be required
- Specify when you need the work completed
- Member organisation is your CRG
- Skills drop down menu: use Consumer Input &/ Review – Consumer
- Fill in 'describe your ideal applicant' box thoroughly

# Tips for posting clinical review tasks

- As per last slide, and
- Skills drop down menu: use Clinical Input &/ Review – Clinical Content



# Tips for posting methods review tasks

- As per posting consumer tasks, and
- Skills drop down menu: use Review – Methods



# What you can do

- Sign up to [taskexchange.cochrane.org](https://taskexchange.cochrane.org)
- Post tasks on behalf of author teams or encourage author teams to post
- Consider posting all peer-review tasks to TaskExchange
- Contact us [taskexchange@cochrane.org](mailto:taskexchange@cochrane.org)
- Follow us @task\_exchange





# Thanks for taking part

- **We value your input:**
  - we'll be sending email with a link to evaluation form
- **Ongoing support:**
  - Tweet us @cochranetrain, #cochranelearninglive
  - or send an e-mail to [training@cochrane.org](mailto:training@cochrane.org)
- **Coming events:**
  - [training.cochrane.org/cochrane-learning-live](https://training.cochrane.org/cochrane-learning-live)

