

Opportunity to be involved in research

What is public involvement in research?

Public involvement in research is research done ‘with’ or ‘by’ members of the public rather than ‘to’, ‘about’ or ‘for’ them (NIHR INVOLVE).

NIHR INVOLVE have produced some information for people who want to get involved in research. You can find our more here:

<https://www.invo.org.uk/find-out-more/what-is-public-involvement-in-research-2/>

Opportunity for involvement

We are inviting you to consider your involvement in a project on the long-term follow-up of patients who have had an abnormal Liver Function Test.

Further information about the opportunity is provided below.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Magdalena Skrybant, Public Involvement Lead, NIHR CLAHRC West Midlands (details below) by **Monday 7th October 2019**.

Proposed study title	Long-term Follow Up of Patients in the Birmingham and Lambeth Liver Evaluation Strategies (BALLETS) Study
Type of project	Database study
Aim of project	<p>Liver Function Tests (LFTs) are routine blood tests and help to determine the health of your liver.</p> <p>Sometimes, patients receive an abnormal LFT result. This might lead to further tests and investigations. However, we don't know whether having an abnormal LFT result leads to a patient developing liver disease. The long-term follow-up of patients in the Birmingham and Lambeth Liver Evaluation Strategies (BALLETS) study hopes to give us answers to this question.</p> <p>The long-term follow up of Patients in the BALLETS study aims to follow-up patients who received an abnormal LFT result in General Practice and were recruited to the BALLETS study. We want to find out whether these patients went on to develop liver disease.</p> <p>We recruited 1290 people to participate in the BALLETS study between 2005-2008.</p> <p>We are now at the stage where we want to follow-up study participants. We have consent to follow people up, but we need to decide the best way to do this.</p> <p>We want involvement from patients and members of the public to help make sure that our methods are <i>appropriate</i> to patients and that what we are doing is <i>ethically acceptable</i>.</p>

Involvement Opportunity	<p>We are looking for 6-8 people to be involved in a discussion about how we follow-up people in the BALLETS study.</p> <p>In particular, we would like to involve people who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have experience of having blood tests, which might include Liver Function Tests; - Have Liver Disease; - Have an interest in health care and routine tests/examinations; - Have an interest in ethical issues in research. <p>You don't need any prior experience of being involved in research.</p> <p>We are looking for people who would be willing to share their views and perspectives and contribute to the discussion.</p>
Commitment involved	<p>The discussion will take place on Friday 11 October from 11:00 – 14:00.</p> <p>The two Principal Investigators for the Project will lead the presentations and the PPI Lead for CLAHRC WM, Magdalena Skrybant, will help to facilitate the discussion.</p> <p>The discussion will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An overview of the project; - Our initial ideas about how to follow-up patients; - Listening to your views and perspectives. <p>Following the discussion, we will send round some notes that you will be able to review and comment on.</p>
Expenses/Honoraria	<p>All reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.</p> <p>We will be able to offer an honorarium of £40 for your involvement in this discussion.</p> <p>Light refreshments will be provided.</p>
Further information	<p>Please contact us to express your interest in being involved or to find out more about this opportunity.</p> <p>Name: Magdalena Skrybant Telephone: 0121 414 6026 Email: m.t.skrybant@bham.ac.uk</p>

If you are interested in this opportunity, we look forward to hearing from you.

Statement on Diversity and Inclusion

We adopt the NIHR Statement on Diversity and Inclusion:

The promotion of diversity and inclusion is the responsibility of all members of our community. It is expected that we will all contribute to ensuring that INVOLVE continues to be a safe, welcoming and productive environment, where there is equality of opportunity, fostered in an environment of mutual respect and dignity.

The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique, recognising and appreciating our differences and commonalities.

We understand that simply having diversity in our work force is not enough; we must create an inclusive environment for all across the research system.

We value the uniqueness and talents, beliefs, backgrounds, capabilities and ways of working of all individuals, joined in a common endeavour, to create a culture of belonging.