

Research about acne – can you help?

Do you have acne?

We are a friendly team of researchers at the University of Southampton and we are running a study which is developing a questionnaire for people with acne. We are looking for 5 to 10 people with acne to get 'involved' in our study working alongside our research team.

What is the study about?

The study is funded by NHS research funding and it aims to test different questionnaires for people with acne to see which one is most useful to use in further research about acne. The questionnaires look at how acne affects people's lives. At the moment different research teams use different questionnaires but we want to find out which one makes the most sense to people with acne, as this will allow us to compare results across studies.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for men and women aged 18-50 (inclusive) who have acne and who would be interested in working with our research team developing this study.

What does 'involvement in research' mean?

Involvement is about working with researchers making sure that they consider the views of people with acne. You would help us to make sure that we are asking the right questions and in the right way throughout the study. For example, we will be interviewing people with acne. We would like you to read our interview questions and tell us if you think that we are asking the right questions and if they make sense. We are not trying to recruit you into the study.

How long will it take?

We will ideally meet with you 2 or 3 times at a time which is convenient to you. It will be possible for the work to be discussed over the phone or by email if you are not able to meet in person. We will explain the study to you and provide any necessary training or support. You will be paid for your time and any expenses such as travel.

*Please note, if you receive benefits, you need to check that these are not affected by this payment, you can find out by contacting INVOLVE at Tel: 023 8059 5628 or email: involve@nihr.ac.uk.

What happens next?

If you would like to find out more please contact; Sam Hornsey at: acne@soton.ac.uk