**Contributing to the development of a new Wound Study**

We are looking for volunteers to take part in group meetings that will shape our research study. We would like your experience of living with; treating; or caring with someone with a wound, to advise and inform the design of this study. No experience is required and we will pay you for your time and travel. For further information, or to register your interest, get in touch with Jo at joanne.lusher@uws.ac.uk. If you choose to be a part of our Project Advisory Group (PAG), then you will be invited to attend a group meeting in London.

**What is this research study about?**

We are proposing to carry out some research that better acknowledges the relationship between our health and our psychology; to put us in a position to use our research findings to produce real life changes to people who suffer with wounds. Currently, little research has explored the ways in which psychological mechanisms can impact of health outcomes for people with chronic wounds and we know even less about the different factors that determine chronic and non-healing wounds. We plan to deliver a new approach to understanding the complex relationships between various underlying causes of different health and illness outcomes for people with wounds by carrying out an investigation underpinned by health psychology principles that looks at biological, psychological and social factors that influence the onset, management and eradication of chronic wounds.

**Who is organising the meeting?**

The group is being led by Dr Jo Lusher who is a Health Psychologist based at the Institute for Research in Healthcare Policy and Practice (IRHPP) at the University of the West of Scotland, London Campus. Jo is being supported by the Research Design Service (RDS London) Team, who assist in ensuring that the general public are involved in shaping research.

**Why has the group been set-up?**

The group is needed to ensure that this research is relevant and focused on the needs of patients.

**If I decide to take part, what will happen?**

PAG members will invited to get involved at various points throughout the research process, however, this study is currently only in its planning phase, so we are asking for volunteers to attend one face-to-face group meeting 3:30-4:30pm on Thursday 15th February with the project organiser in SE London. This meeting will last up to 1 hour and will involve discussing and offering feedback on the study design. We would like to arrange further meetings with patients, wound care staff, carers and members of the general public to discuss our project plans. During these meetings, we will present our plan and ask for feedback. We wish to hear any concerns or questions raised about any aspect of the study in order to further shape its development.

**Who can be part of the PAG?**

We encourage anyone with experience of wounds, of any type, whether as a patient; carer; family member; or healthcare professional, to join the PAG.

**How much will I get paid?**

We will offer you £10 for your time and contribution. You will also be reimbursed up to £5 towards your travel costs. Refreshments (tea/coffee/juice and biscuits) will be provided.

**How can I join or find out more?**

Contact the organiser, Jo Lusher at joanne.lusher@uws.ac.uk.