**Interest in focus group for survey on medicine mistakes**

Thank you for your interest in attending one, or both, of the focus group sessions we are hosting at Newcastle University. We are looking for members of the public to take part in focus groups to help us decide on the text included in a survey and to test out the survey. The survey asks about people’s opinions about medicine mistakes and the outcomes of those mistakes. If you are involved then your advice will help us design the survey which will be then be given to a large number of people from the general public. The results of the survey will be used in a study being conducted at Newcastle University. No particular experience or knowledge is needed to take part. We would like to get a wide range of people from the general public to get lots of different perspectives.

We will be holding two focus groups, you can join one or both of them. The focus groups will last between 1-2 hours depending on the focus of the session. The first session will focus on developing the text of the survey questions. The second session will be further developing the way survey questions are asked and testing out the survey. The focus groups will be held on Thursday 1st August and Friday 16th August at Newcastle University and a time will be confirmed based on volunteers’ availability.

If you are interested in taking part, please fill in the form below and e-mail it to sarah.hill2@newcastle.ac.uk or if you just have a question about being involved, please send an e-mail to the same address and we will answer your questions. If you would prefer to return your form via post, please sent it to:

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By filling in this form you will not be signed up to attend a focus group automatically, this is just an expression of interest. After receiving your form we will contact you to discuss attending the focus group(s).

Please could you type your answers to the below questions in the boxes provided and return the form by email to sarah.hill2@newcastle.ac.uk

1. What is your gender? (male, female, other, prefer not to say)
2. Which of the following age groups do you belong to?

[Under 18], [18-30], [31-50], [51-65], [over 65]

1. Which of the following describes your employment status?

(Employed, self-employed, un-employed, student, retired)

1. Where in the North-East of England do you live?

(E.g. Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Durham etc.)

1. Which of the following income bands does your yearly income fit into?

[Under £12,500], [£12,500-£20,000], [£21,000-£30,000], [£31,000-£40,000], [over £40,000]

1. Contact details

Name:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

If you would prefer to be contacted by post please type your address in the box below