**A New Study to Look at Non-Drug Treatment for People with Respiratory Infections**

**Are you interested in helping the research team?**

## What are we doing?

Inappropriate use of antibiotics means that bugs are becoming resistant. We need to look at ways to reduce antibiotic prescribing, whilst ensuring antibiotics are given to patients who really need it. We would like to know whether giving patients with a respiratory tract infections (such as sore throat, or common cold) a ‘delayed’ or ‘just in case’ prescription is a safe and effective approach to reduce unnecessary prescribing. We want to hear your views and experiences of delayed antibiotic prescribing.

## Who are we looking for?

We are looking for local people who:

* currently have or have had a respiratory tract infection
* have cared for or are caring for a relative with a respiratory tract infection
* have previously worked as a health professional with patients with respiratory tract infections

## How could you be involved?

If you are interested, we would like to invite you to be a **patient/public member** of the research team. We will discuss what you can do to help and how much commitment you want to make. Initially we would like to you to (a) share your experience (if any) of delayed antibiotic prescribing with us (b) tell us what you think of the results of our research study and help us understand what these findings mean for you and (c) help us to identify how GPs can effectively communicate their treatment decisions with patients. This would be done through a group discussion at a workshop in Southampton in April and would last no longer than 1-2 hours.

Please note that you will **not** be participating in the research or receive treatment as a patient or public member of the research team.

## How we will support you?

We will help you to understand the topic of our research and the research methods we are using. We will send you some study details prior to the meeting to help with this. We will reimburse travel costs and any carer costs. We will pay you for your time when you attend the meeting and any preparation for these.

## What do you need to do now?

If you are interested in becoming involved and would like more information please contact:

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