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NIHR Patient Engagement in Clinical Development Service: Opportunity to shape the design of a cervical cancer clinical trial.

The National Institute for Health Research Clinical Research Network is pleased to share an opportunity to be involved in the co-design of a commercial cervical cancer clinical trial and participate in a remote insight session.

By sharing your experiences of living with or supporting others with this condition, considerations for participation in clinical trials and how these trials can be designed in such a way as to be as appealing, accessible and aligned to the needs of patients and those close to them and we hope to ensure this and subsequent trials are as effective as possible.

Am I eligible to participate?

The NIHR is looking for 6 - 8 adult individuals to participate in this opportunity.

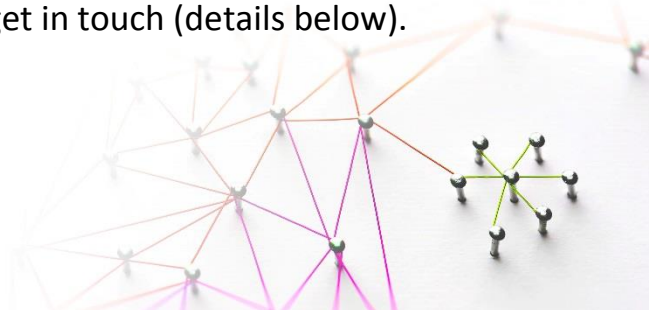
We're looking for individuals who have direct and or indirect experience of cervical cancer who would be willing to discuss their experiences and management of this condition.

Depending on the uptake for this opportunity, we may be able to offer opportunities to those with lived experience of other gynaecological cancers.

Likewise we're interested to hear if you have participated in clinical trials previously – if you haven't been in a clinical trial don't worry, this isn't mandatory.

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic you will need access to either ideally an internet connection or phone line as we are currently unable to facilitate face to face discussions.

Due to regulatory reasons you will be unable to participate if you are currently a prescribing clinician – if you're unsure, please get in touch (details below).



What do I have to do?

Our intention is to host two facilitated 1 hour video conferences, to discuss the management of these conditions and to comment upon the design of a clinical trial.

We're hoping to learn how individuals manage their condition, how we may be able to address potential issues to improve the quality of life for this condition and how we can ensure these trials are designed in such a way that they are as accessible as possible, reducing potential burdens on participants.

You will be asked to dial into an online video conference platform such as Zoom or Webex at a time agreed with all participants. Timings can be flexible, such as evening or late afternoon hours to allow for working hours.

These meetings will be chaired and led by an NIHR facilitator and everyone will be given an opportunity to speak on a range of topics and share their insights.

How long will it take?

We are proposing two 1 hour meetings which will likely be held within one to two weeks apart, timings permitting.

There will also be an optional 15 minute meeting planned prior to the above to ensure people are able to access the video conference, meet the facilitator and raise any questions they may have prior to the meeting proper.

Who is leading the discussion?

The meetings will be chaired by an NIHR Facilitator, however, we will also have representation from the life science company on the call who have designed the clinical trial to answer any queries you may have about the trial.

Will I get paid?

The NIHR, on behalf of the life science company, will reimburse you £100 for your participation.

What's the NIHR Patient Engagement in Clinical Development Service?

The NIHR Patient Engagement in Clinical Development Service is a service designed to enable the Life Science Industry to engage with individuals such as yourself, to ensure that trials can be co-designed with individuals most likely to be impacted by them, to ensure that the objectives of the trial align with those of the patient community and that these are as easy to join and complete as they can possibly be.

You can find out more about this Service at the following:

Information Sheet for Patients

Video: What does it mean to participate in the Service?

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Video: Patient Perspective - The NIHR facilitates Servier's first Sjögren's Syndrome Trial

Are these commercial trials? What does this mean? Will they be able to access my information?

These are clinical trials created by and funded by a commercial Sponsor (the company). They will be hoping to deliver these clinical trials with the NHS.

As the information at this stage is sensitive we can't share with you the company name but if you agree to participate we will be able to share this with you.

As the Service is being facilitated by the NIHR we will not be sharing your details with the company, this will be managed by the NIHR.

You can find additional information about this in the Information Sheet for Patients.

What Information will the NIHR need about me?

To ensue we're engaging with as diverse a demographic of people as possible we'd ask you to share with us your name, age, experiences of cervical and gynaecological cancer (either as a patient or a carer), if you've participated in clinical trials previously or similar initiatives.

If you're able to confirm if you'd be able and willing to join a video conference (i.e. Skype, Zoom, Google Meet, What'sApp, Webex) that'd be great, but if you're not sure don't worry – we can help!

What happens afterwards?

Once the insight sessions have been completed the NIHR will arrange with you to reimburse you for your time and efforts including £100 for your participation.

After your feedback has been digested and potential changes made to the clinical trial design, a report will be shared with you highlighting the impact that your shared insights have had.

I'd like to be involved, how do I found out more?

If you'd like to register your interest in participating in this opportunity or simply if you have any questions in relation to this please contact:

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