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**Opportunity: Osteoporosis and fragility fractures in people with Severe Mental Illness in the UK**

**About the opportunity**

**This research project is looking at osteoporosis and fractures in people with Severe Mental Illness (SMI) in the UK using data from General Practice (GP) electronic health records. We are looking for one lay member to contribute to the design and oversight of the study.**

**The aim of the project is to explore how often people with SMI are diagnosed with osteoporosis and fractures, how they are managed in primary care, and if people with SMI are tested and treated for osteoporosis differently compared to people without SMI.**

**Practicalities**

* **Time:** 2 online meetings x 1.5 hour each + 1.5 hour of preparation per meeting for review of protocol and results (first meeting February 2022, second meeting March or April 2022 to discuss preliminary results)
* **Length:** funding is available until April 2022 in the first instance
* **Payment:** £25/hour (up to £150 per person for the maximum hours)

**What the role involves**

**-Read relevant study documents (e.g. project summary, study findings) and share your thoughts/provide feedback during the meetings**

**-Helping us to understand what the results mean for patients**

**-Helping us to share the results with the public in a clear way**

**-Contributing to meetings to discuss the study progress and findings**

**What you will bring**

**-Lived experience of osteoporosis or fragility fracture**

**-Thoughts and ideas about ways primary care services can be improved in how they screen and manage osteoporosis and risk of fracture**

**Applying**

**Please submit 1-2 sentences about your experience with osteoporosis and/or fragility fracture and why you are interested in this project.**

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