**Patient advisory group for Infection Study project seeks members**

Get involved in helping improve the treatment of *Staphylococcus aureus* infection in hospital

Study Title: ***Staphylococcus aureus Network* Adaptive Platform Trial** (SNAP) in the UK

Link to organisation: <https://www.snaptrial.com.au/> and <https://www.mrcctu.ucl.ac.uk/>

**Project Description:**

A research team based at the MRC Clinical Trials Unit at University College London (UCL) have been awarded up to 5 years of NIHR (HTA) funding to find out which are the best treatments (antibiotics) to treat Staphylococcus aureus bloodstreaminfections in hospital, and whether it is best to give them by mouth or into a vein, and how long for.

Patient involvement is essential to this project, and we are reaching out to people with lived experience of Staphylococcus aureus infection either as patients or carers to join an ongoing patient advisory group (PAG). The group will consist of lay and research team members and will be chaired by a member of the public who is a co-investigator on the project team.

There will be 2 meetings per year and possibly some other advisory work outside meetings – the meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable future. Please apply if you have an interest in this condition and raising awareness.

**Dates:**

Starting from Dec 2022, and continuing for up to 5 years (minimum involvement required is 2 years and we prefer if you are able to remain with the project throughout).

We are hoping to convene the first meeting before the end of 2022 or in early 2023.

We have limited places available and are asking for expressions of interest in the first place to be sent to both Jennifer Bostock (JB) (Lay Co-Investigator & PAG Chair) & Dr Anna Goodman (Chief Investigator) (contact details below) at the following email mrcctu.snap@ucl.ac.uk

**Please email us by 15th October 2022 telling us:**

* Why you would like to be a part of the group
* What experience of Staph aureus infection you have either as a patient or carer
* What experience (if any) you have of being involved in health research

Please note we are particularly interested in hearing from people who have experienced treatment as an inpatient in hospital with Staphylococcus aureus and from people in high-risk groups. The high-risk groups include those who are living with diabetes, those living with cancer and receiving chemotherapy through a vascular device, those living with HIV, those who inject recreational drugs, those who receive haemodialysis and anyone with a vascular access device who has had this experience. The experience can either be as a patient, a carer/relative.

**Topic:**

Infection

**Location:**

UK wide

**Involvement type:**

PPI Project Advisory Group (PPI PAG)

**What support is offered?**

Discuss any support required with PPI lead (JB)

**Payment:**

£75 per half day (meetings will typically be paid at half day rate)

**Expenses:**

We envisage meetings being conducted in the first instance. If face to face meetings occur, we will cover reasonable expenses.

**Can the work be done from home?**

Yes, but please be clear if you would not be able to attend a meeting in the future and explain if we might be able to provide suitable adjustments to help you attend.

**Suitable for a beginner?**

Some experience of being involved in research is preferred.