Research Support Service

Patient & Public Involvement

**Does oxygen supplementation improve learning outcomes for babies born 3-8 weeks before their expected due date?**

Are you interested in helping the research team?

## What are we doing?

We are developing a research study to determine whether additional oxygen support in the first month of life improves learning outcomes for babies who have been born early but are otherwise healthy. We hope to compare 2 groups, one of which will receive oxygen and one which will receive standard care. We plan to assess learning outcomes using standardised questionnaires at the 1 year anniversary of their due date.

## Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people who:

* have a baby who is receiving oxygen at home and/or
* are a carer or relative of a baby who was born up to 8 weeks before their due date and/or
* are the carer of a new baby less than 4 months old

## How could you be involved?

If you are interested, we would like to invite you to be a **public member** of the research team. We will discuss what you can do to help and how much commitment you wish to make. Things that you might like to be involved with are:

* Attend a meeting lasting approximately an hour to discuss your views on the proposed project following a brief presentation. This will be a small group meeting. We will canvas views as to whether the preference is for a face to face or virtual meeting.
* Help us to make sure our study makes sense to you as a patient or carer.
* Help us optimise the study design so that it meets the needs of families.

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 will we support you?

We will help you to understand the topic of our research and the research methods we are using. We will pay you for your time when you attend meetings including any preparation time eg reading documents. If meeting face to face, we will reimburse travel costs and any reasonable carer costs that might be incurred.

## 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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