

Central lines, or catheters, are tubes placed into a large vein—usually in the neck, chest, or groin. They're used to provide medicine or fluids to people who are unwell.

Each year, catheter-related infections affect hundreds of thousands of people in the UK. These infections can cause serious illness, delay recovery, and lead to longer hospital stays.

Join a workshop to help improve catheter care.

A company called *Aseptuva* has developed a new UV light device that could help prevent infections and reduce how often catheters need to be changed.

We're running a friendly workshop in **central Manchester this September** to get your views on the tool and how to test how it works for patients.

You'll join a small group (10–12 people) to talk about:

- What makes catheter care feel safe, respectful, and comfortable
- How a new tool like this could fit into everyday care
- How to design a trial to see how well it works in real life

Who we'd love to hear from:

If you or someone close to you has personal experience, we want to hear from you. This includes:

- needing a catheter in hospital or after surgery
- being treated in intensive care or a high-dependency unit
- living with a long-term catheter at home

You'll receive a £37.50 gift voucher of your choice as thanks for your time. This will also cover travel expenses within Greater Manchester up to £20.

If you'd like to take part, or want to find out more, <u>please complete this online form</u> or email Dan Taylor <u>Daniel.Taylor2@mft.nhs.uk</u>.

