

NIHR Patient Engagement in Clinical Development (PECD) Service

INSIGHT SESSION OPPORTUNITY (REF: 001)

Are you interested in helping to improve health and care research for leukaemia patients?

This is your opportunity to give your feedback on a clinical trial for people diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML).

About this Opportunity

The National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) is pleased to share an opportunity for members of the public who have experience of leukaemia to be involved in the shaping of a commercial clinical trial.

We are working with a company to help them improve their planned research. Our partner is looking for people who are willing to join an online focus group to hear about a planned clinical trial, and give their feedback on the study design. This will help them to design a study that is focused on the needs of the participant, their family, and their community.

Who is the NIHR looking for?

This opportunity is for **6 to 8 adults** (aged 18 or over) who:

- Live in the **UK**.
- Have lived experience as a patient or carer of **acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) or other acute leukaemias**.
- Can access and use **Zoom** to join a 2.5 hour online focus group in January.
- Are happy to **discuss their lived experience in a group**.

What do I have to do?

If you are interested in taking part, please complete the application form linked below. If you are selected for the activity, you will be invited to join other public partners to take part in an online group meeting which will last for 2.5 hours.

The meeting will be hosted by the NIHR PECD Team, together with the company we are supporting. The session will involve:

- Hearing about the impact your health condition has on your life
- The company talking to you about their planned research
- Sharing your thoughts and feedback on the planned research

The NIHR PECD Team will support you throughout this process and provide any information or guidance you may need.

Project Details

TIME, PAYMENT & PROCESS

When will the meeting take place?

The session will take place on one of the following dates, based on public partner availability: **Monday 19th January 2026, Wednesday 21st January 2026, or Thursday 22nd January 2026.** Timings of the session can be flexible, such as evening or late afternoon to allow for working hours, and will be agreed in advance by public partners and the company representatives. The activity will last for 2.5 hours, including a short break.

£ Will I be paid for taking part?

The NIHR, on behalf of the company we are working with, will reimburse you **£67.50** for your participation in the focus group.

This will be paid by bank transfer to a UK bank account in your name, usually 6 weeks after the activity has taken place (although it can occasionally take a little longer).

Important Information on Tax & Benefits:

You can find detailed information about payment for research involvement activities, and the impact this may have on your tax and national insurance here:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/payment-guidance-members-public-considering-involvement-research>

What happens after the meeting?

The NIHR PECD team will write an anonymised report for the company, summarising the feedback from the group. The company will use this report to make changes to their study plans based on the group's feedback.

A few months after the activity, the PECD team will send an update from the company to all contributors detailing how the insights were used to improve the study design.

How to Apply

If you would like to take part in this opportunity, please complete the application form:

CLICK HERE TO APPLY

(forms.office.com/e/EkvJ5JH063)

Deadline to apply: Sunday 4th January 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

INFORMATION & PRIVACY

Q. What is the NIHR Patient Engagement in Clinical Development (PECD) Service?

The PECD Service brings together commercial health and care companies (sometimes referred to as the “life sciences industry”) with members of the public. The activities that we facilitate mean that future health and care research that comes to the UK can be designed and shaped by patients and is in the best interests of the people affected by particular health conditions. You can find out more about this service on the PECD Service webpage: www.nihr.ac.uk/get-involved/join-patient-engagement-activities-commercial-clinical-research

Q. What are commercial trials?

Commercial research refers to clinical trials or studies created and funded by a company or business. Research that is created or funded by universities or charities is often known as academic or non-commercial research. The companies that use the PECD Service will be hoping to deliver their research in the UK through the NHS.

Q. Why is the company name confidential?

Information about the planned research is confidential, so we cannot share the company name or details of the study at this stage. But if you are invited to take part in the activity, we will tell you who the company is, the name of the study and any additional information you might need to be able to contribute to the activity. You can withdraw from the activity at any point if you no longer want to take part.

Your Personal Information

What we need from you:

To make sure that we involve the most appropriate people in each activity, we will ask you to provide us with some information about your diagnosis, healthcare history, and previous experiences of research when you apply to take part. To monitor the equality, diversity and inclusion of our activities, we will also ask for some demographic details such as your year of birth, ethnicity, sex and gender identity.

Payment details:

So that we can contact you, we will also ask you to share with us your name and email address. And if you complete the engagement activity, we will need your bank details, date of birth, address and National Insurance number so that we can pay you.

Will you share my data?

Any personal information you share will be stored and managed by the NIHR: we will not share anything that could identify you with the company we are working with.

Privacy Notice:

You can read more about how we manage your data in our full privacy notice here:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/patient-engagement-clinical-development-pecd-privacy-notice>