

**Call for Patient Involvement**  
**From Me To You patient-student event**  
**Faculty of Biology Medicine and Health, University of Manchester**

**Are you willing to tell us about your healthcare experiences?**

A patient's perspective of a condition is often very different to a scientist's. By talking to University Masters students who are studying the immune system, you could help them to understand the impact that their research could have on people's lives. You could also help them to explain their research findings to a general audience.

**Do you / have you had any of the following conditions or treatments?**

- Allergy to peanuts, seafood or bee/wasp stings
- Allergy to washing powder or cosmetics
- Aspergillus (fungal) infection of the lung
- Chronic asthma which requires regular use of inhalers
- COPD
- Treatment for cancer (not blood cancer)
- Treatment for lung cancer, now in remission
- Treatment for concussion
- Eczema which requires regular treatment
- IBS which has a significant impact on daily life
- Long COVID
- Pneumonia
- Pancreatitis
- Undergoing or undergone peritoneal dialysis for kidney disease
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Hospital treatment for sepsis

**Or are you a shift worker with an interest in the impact this has on your diet?**

### Who are we looking for and what do we need you to do?

We are seeking 19 patients/members of the public who meet one of the criteria above and would be happy to:

- Talk about their experiences of the condition on zoom to a small group of students
- Listen to student presentations about their research

You will be given £80 (£40 for attending each event) to thank you for your time. Payment will be made into your bank account.

### Who will you be talking to?

Clinical Immunology Masters students from the University of Manchester who are studying the immune system. This event will be taking place on zoom. If you haven't used zoom before please don't worry, many of the patients/members of the public that we work with have used this for the first time during the pandemic. We would be happy to talk you through how will use zoom for the events.

### When would we need you and for how long?

We are planning two events and need you to be available on both dates:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April: 2pm – 4pm
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August: 2 - 4pm

Please note if you are selected there will be a short additional information session prior to the first event (week commencing 28th March). This will be arranged at your convenience.

### What would you need to do?

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April: 2pm – 4pm

There will be 19 patients and 37 students who are studying at Masters level in this session. You will be asked to talk to a small group of students (maximum of 3) about your experience of your condition or treatment.

This could include: when it started, how it has progressed, any symptoms, how your condition has been treated, how it affects your life, including your ways of coping.

The student(s) will ask you some questions to help them to understand your condition or treatment and the impact of their research. They will also want to tell you about the research project they are planning and about some of the science behind your symptoms or treatment. This is to help them practice explaining scientific ideas to members of the public.

You will be free to ask the student(s) any questions that you have.

#### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August: 2 - 4pm

This session is for the students to share their research findings with you in short informal presentations. You will also be given the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

This is really important to us, as explaining scientific concepts to the public is a vital skill for our students.

Members of University staff and a patient representative will be present at both sessions.

We can discuss the events remotely over zoom to help you prepare and can spend some time with you immediately after the session if you would like to talk through the experience.

### **What should you do if you are interested?**

If you are interested in taking part, please click on this link and fill in the short questionnaire. <https://tinyurl.com/FromMeToYou2022>

This will ask for some details about your experiences.

The **closing date** for expressing interest is **Monday 21st March 2022**  
**We will confirm whether you have been successful by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **What happens after I have applied?**

You will receive an email to thank you for your expression of interest, with a record of the responses you have submitted. This contains the contact details of those leading the project and is an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

#### If you are invited to take part:

We will notify you via e-mail or telephone.

#### If you are unsuccessful on this occasion:

Unfortunately we only have a small number of places available for this project, but we will notify you by e-mail or telephone if you have been unsuccessful. You will also be asked on the questionnaire whether you are happy for us to keep your details on file so that we can inform you about events in the future. Please be assured that you do not have to consent, and we will not keep your details unless you have confirmed that you are happy for us to do so.

Many thanks for your interest in our project.

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