

## Call for Patient Involvement

### Do you/have you had any of the following conditions?

- Chronic fungal lung infection (such as Aspergillosis or Cryptococcosis)
- HIV and you have experienced complications due to infections in the past
- Parasitic infection - which required hospitalisation. Including Malaria, Trypanosomiasis, Leishmaniasis.
- Cystic fibrosis which has been made worse by infections more than 3 times in a year
- COPD which has been made worse by infections more than 3 times in a year
- Meningitis, or parents of children that have had meningitis (bacterial or viral)
- Sepsis due to infection, for example caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* or *Escherichia coli*
- A Gut infection called *Clostridium difficile*, which you developed whilst in hospital
- Tuberculosis
- COVID-19 infection that required hospitalisation/ ICU admission.

### 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 master's students who are studying Medical Microbiology, you could help them to understand what it is like to experience one of these conditions, understand the condition from a patient perspective, and understand the impact that their future work and research could have on people's lives.

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

We are looking for 4 people who would be happy to talk about their experiences of one of the conditions above. We will ask you to talk to 4 separate groups of students. There will be up to 15 students in each group.

**This event will take place on zoom.** For more details about what this will involve, look at the additional information sheet on our application form.

You will be given £75 as a thank you for your time.

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

The session will be taking part on:

- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10-1pm**

If you are selected there will be a short additional information session on zoom prior to the event. This will be arranged at your convenience on a voluntary basis.

### Who will you be talking to?

Masters' level students from the University of Manchester who are studying Medical Microbiology

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

Click on this link and fill in the short questionnaire.

[https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV\\_8IHTWxpWWoS7h5Q](https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_8IHTWxpWWoS7h5Q)

This will ask for some details about the impact this condition has on your life. We use this information to select people who are the closest match to the student's research project, so please give enough details to help us to do this.

The **closing date** for expressing interest is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. We will confirm whether you have been successful by **Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**