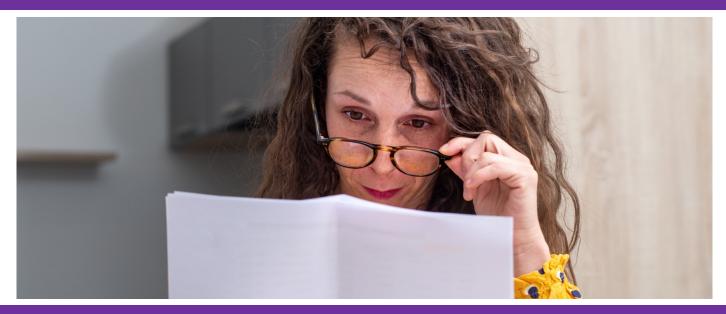


Writing to patients from rheumatology Patient interviews and focus groups



We are looking for people to take part in a research study about clinic letters

To help us improve clinic letters and communication between patients and healthcare professionals, we want to know what people think about clinic letters and who they are written to.

Clinic letters are the letters written by rheumatology healthcare professionals (HCPs) after an outpatient appointment. They may be written to the patient or another HCP, for example, the patient's GP.

You can take part if you:

- ✓ Are a current patient of a rheumatology outpatient department in the UK NHS / HSC,
- Are aged 18+, and
- ✓ Have attended two or more rheumatology outpatient appointments in the UK NHS / HSC

Taking part would involve speaking to a researcher:

- Either one-to-one (an interview) or as part of a group (a focus group). You can choose.
- About your experience of receiving clinic letters and/or your views on receiving clinic letters in the future.

This would take about 60-90 minutes.

We could speak over the phone or online via videocall.

If you're interested in taking part, we'll ask you to:

Provide some information about yourself:

• For example, your age, gender identity, ethnicity, name and contact details.

This is because we want to speak to a range of different people with different experiences.

What to do next?

If you're interested in taking part, please visit our website for more information and answer a short screening survey:

https://bit.ly/W2Pptinterview



You can also contact us directly: **Rebecca Goulding | Research Associate** Tel: 0161 275 0546 / 07823 456696 | Email: rebecca.goulding@manchester.ac.uk

The University of Manchester | 5th Floor, Williamson Building | Manchester, M13 9PL