

Writing to patients from rheumatology Healthcare professional interview study



We are looking for rheumatology healthcare professionals to take part in a research study
We want to know what you think about writing clinic letters directly to patients

Current guidance recommends writing clinic letters directly to patients. However, this only happens sometimes. We want to understand what healthcare professionals think about writing clinic letters directly to patients. (We are also asking patients for their opinions, as part of the same study).

You can take part if you:

- ✓ **Currently provide healthcare to adult patients attending rheumatology** outpatient department(s) in the UK NHS / HSC, **and**
- ✓ **Write letters summarising these outpatient consultations** (either to the GP or the patient)

Taking part would involve speaking to a researcher one-to-one:

- About your opinions on writing clinic letters directly to patients, and
- About your current practice, and what might happen in the future.

This would take about 60 minutes.

We could speak over the phone or online.

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

Provide some information about yourself:

- For example, your age, gender identity, ethnicity, job role, 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 to answer a short screening survey:

<https://bit.ly/W2Phcpinterview>



You can also contact us directly:

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