



Are you a parent or carer whose child has had appendicitis?

What are we doing?

Appendicitis is the most common condition in children to be treated with emergency surgery. Following a recent small study showing that children with simple appendicitis can be safely treated with antibiotics instead of surgery, the CONTRACT 2 trial will compare these 2 different treatments in the hope of providing children, parents and doctors greater choice in how children are treated in the future.

How can you help?

Are you a parent or carer whose child has had an appendicitis? Or someone who is simply looking to improve healthcare options for children? We're looking for a public contributor to sit on our Trial Management Group.

This role will involve:

- Initially meeting once a month, with the possibility of reducing as the trial progresses
- Reading documents prior to meetings and providing an insight into any issues that arise in the oversight of the trial.

How will we support you?

The Chief Investigator and trial management team will give you an initial overview of the project and support you throughout your role. There will also be wider support and resources available from our local network of public involvement professionals and other public contributors. You will also be reimbursed for your time in line with NIHR guidelines.

Interested?

If you are interested in this role or have any other questions, please email Liz Dixon, Senior Trial Manager or Jessica Kelly/Sophie Varkonyi-Clifford, Trial Manager contract@soton.ac.uk