



# Could you help shape research into mesothelioma?

**We're looking for a public member to join our research team for mesothelioma clinical trials.**

## What are we doing?

Mesothelioma is a cancer that develops in the lining of the lung or abdomen and is often caused by exposure to asbestos. It is a very difficult disease to treat and currently there are very few options for patients whose cancer returns after initial chemotherapy. The Southampton Clinical Trials Unit is running clinical trials aimed at finding better treatments for these patients.

## How could you help?

We're looking for a public contributor with personal experience of mesothelioma, or a family member of someone with the disease, to join our mesothelioma portfolio and help advise our research teams.

Initially they will sit on the Trial Management Group (TMG) for the NERO trial. This trial is testing whether a drug called a PARP inhibitor can improve outcomes for mesothelioma patients. This role will involve:

- Meeting approximately every three months via a video call (may meet more regularly if required).
- Reading and reviewing documents prior to meetings.
- Provide a patient insight into any issues that arise in the oversight of the trial, such as ensuring that the protocol is adhered to and being involved in discussions surrounding safeguarding subjects and the quality of the trial itself.

Once this trial ends there may be opportunities to move to other trials in the mesothelioma portfolio.

## How will we support you?

The Patient and Public Involvement Coordinator, Trial Managers and wider mesothelioma team will support you throughout your role and provide any training or guidance needed. You will 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 Allaway, Patient and Public Involvement Coordinator to express your interest –

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