



# Public contributor needed for a bowel cancer treatment vaccine trial



## What are we doing?

Early colon cancer, which has spread to the local lymph nodes, is normally treated with surgery and chemotherapy. But the cancer will come back in around 50% of people and alternative treatments are needed. Some patients have a subtype of colon cancer which contains more mutations, or errors in the DNA, than in other bowel cancer patients. The Neo-POLEM trial will test a vaccine which works by stimulating the production of antibodies to allow the immune system to attack this subtype of colon cancer.

## How can you help?

We're looking for a public contributor with lived experience of colorectal/bowel cancer, or a family member or carer of someone with the disease, to sit on our Trial Management Group (TMG).

This role will involve:

- Attending quarterly TMG meetings
- Helping make decisions on the set-up, conduct, analysis and dissemination of the trial.
- Reviewing and commenting on trial documents

## 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. You will be reimbursed for your time in line with the SCTU PPI Payment Policy.

## Interested?

If you are interested in this role or have any other questions, please email Kelly Cozens, Senior Trial Manager – [k.cozens@southampton.ac.uk](mailto:k.cozens@southampton.ac.uk)