Could you help decide which new trials are run by the Southampton Clinical Trial Unit?

We’re looking for a public member to join our Trial Review Group (TRG)

What is the Trial Review Group?
The TRG assesses new trial proposals from researchers against a list of set criteria to decide whether the Unit will support the trial. The panel is made up of our directors, trial managers, statisticians, research nurses and patient representatives.

How can you help?
You will help us assess the relevance and acceptability of the proposed trial to patients, and how well the research team has embedded Patient and Public Involvement and accessibility into the trial design.

What experience is needed?
New trial applications can be for any disease area, so we are looking for someone who can apply their lived experience of research and trials to a variety of conditions and types of treatment or intervention. You do not need to have vast involvement experience, but you will need to be confident to speak up and give your opinions during meetings.

When and how are the meetings held?
Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 1.45-5pm. The exact length of the meeting will depend on the number of applications received each month. These meetings are currently held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Hybrid meetings, held both face-to-face and virtually, may return in the future.

How will we support you?
You will have an introductory meeting with the TRG coordinator to explain more about the meetings and the template application form. You will be sent the outlines of any trial proposals ahead of each meeting. During the meeting, we welcome questions and comments from the patient representatives and will help explain any scientific or research terminology. You will be reimbursed for your time in line with NIHR guidelines.

Interested?
If you are interested in applying for this role, or have any other questions, please email our Patient and Public Involvement coordinator, Liz Allaway, l.allaway@soton.ac.uk