

Participant Invitation Letter

Cardiff University School of Medicine

Dear [name],

This letter is an invitation to volunteer as part of a research study conducted by MSc Genetic and Genomic Counselling student, Patrick McManus, as part of his dissertation project. The project will be supervised by Dr Nicki Taverner, Genetic Counsellor and Senior Lecturer (TavernerN@cardiff.ac.uk).

This research, titled “**A qualitative study exploring the impact that increasing options due to new genetic/genomic technologies may have on patient perceptions of genetic responsibilities**”, aims to explore patient feelings towards their responsibilities upon receiving a genetic diagnosis of Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer predisposition (BRCA1/2 variant), Huntington’s Disease (HD), Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), or Long QT Syndrome (LQTS). The study will focus on how responsibilities may change according to changes in genetic technologies offered in genetic services. This research will involve interviews via zoom to allow the researcher to explore how best to support patients with potential responsibilities associated with their genetic results.

Taking part will involve an interview lasting around 40 to 60 minutes conducted by the student researcher. Along with this letter is enclosed a participant pack containing a Participant Information Sheet, a Consent Form and a pre-paid envelope. Please take time to review the information enclosed in the pack to decide whether or not you would like to take part in the study.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out your contact information using this online form:

<https://forms.gle/SAzuWE1NjKrVgj3N6>

Or please email the researcher Patrick McManus, Cardiff University MSc in Genomics and Genetic Counselling student, who will be supervised by Dr Nicki Taverner, Genetic Counsellor and Senior Lecturer (TavernerN@Cardiff.ac.uk).

Thank you for your consideration,
Patrick McManus
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