

### Why we need your NHS number

Your NHS number is unique to you. It helps us identify you correctly and confirm your contact details remain current. Research for the Future can never see your health or medical records.

You can find your NHS number on your prescription, medical card or your GP practice can give it to you. If you have not already given us your NHS number please telephone the team on 0161 206 3636.

### We take data protection very seriously

Only the Research for the Future team have access to your information. Your details will never be passed to anyone else. For further details about how we protect your personal information, see our privacy notice [www.researchforthefuture.org/privacy](http://www.researchforthefuture.org/privacy)

Please let us know if your contact details change or if you want to leave Research for the Future.

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Research for the Future is part of the National Institute for Health and Care Research Clinical Research Network (NIHR CRN). It is an NHS-supported campaign working collaboratively with several NHS partners across north-west England to help people find out about, and take part in, health and care research.

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# Thank you for joining Research for the Future and supporting research.

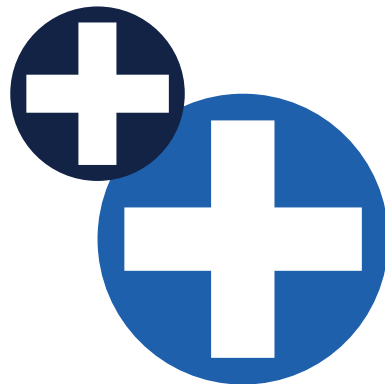
**Research for the Future** is an NHS-supported campaign that helps people find out about, and take part in health research.

We offer research opportunities across all health conditions as well as for healthy volunteers.

## Why we need research

Research to find better care and treatment has always been at the heart of the NHS. By carrying out research in to what works, we are able to discover new ways to prevent, diagnose and manage illnesses. It also allows the NHS to improve services and focus resources where they are most effective.

The medicines and treatments we use today are only available thanks to people volunteering to take part in research studies in the past.



## What happens next

Research for the Future helps researchers find suitable people to take part in their studies. We match people using the information provided at registration.

When suitable opportunities arise, we will contact you to let you know what the research is about, where it is taking place, what is involved and how you can take part.

It is always your decision whether to take part in any research we tell you about. The usual care you receive from your healthcare team will never be affected by your decision.

## Taking part in research

We offer a wide range of research for you to take part in. These include patient and public involvement and engagement (PPIE) activities, questionnaires, discussion groups and trials of new treatments.

Some research studies have very specific requirements, for example, they may be looking for people with a particular medical history or who take certain medications. Other research opportunities such as discussion groups may only need a few people. This means not everyone who volunteers for a study will be able to take part.