

Should you agree to getting involved with the group, we hope this will provide you with new skills, knowledge, support and a sense of empowerment with your condition.

We are confident that this group will improve the relevance and impact of the research we do.

If you are interested in getting involved or want more information please contact:

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We
want you
to have an
influence on
what is done
in our
research.

We need your insight!

We would like you to consider becoming a member of the **Ankylosing Spondylitis Research Advisory Group**.

The group is made up of **Research Staff and people with an experience of Ankylosing Spondylitis who want to actively be involved in the research process. An interest in research is important but you do not need to have taken part in a clinical trial. We are looking for the personal insight that you can give about your condition. This additional knowledge can challenge assumptions, identify problems and help come up with solutions.**

What you would have to do

Being part of our group would mean you being involved at various stages of our research. This could mean attending one-off meetings at the start of a project or coming to 2 or 3 focus group meetings throughout the year.

The Stages of Involvement

The stages of research that we may ask you to be involved in are:

The development of applications:

Research ideas will be presented to the group in a way that is easy to understand.

The group will discuss the ideas and help to shape them so that they will reflect



patients' needs and will benefit patients.

The design, management and analysis of research:

You may help with the design or review of communication materials or comment on study results giving your interpretation or views.

Dissemination of research findings:

We will always inform members of the group about the results of our research. We will work with you to create an easy to understand report for the general public.