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Dear Sir/Madam

I am contacting you through the University Hospitals Bristol public and patient engagement lead, as you have previously expressed an interest in patient and public involvement activities taking place at the Trust.

My name is Helen Ireland, and I am pharmacist within the Bristol Royal Infirmary. I am currently undertaking a part time educational doctorate at the University of Leeds, exploring what is understood by professionalism and how professionalism is taught and assessed across the pre-registration pharmacist placement. The pre-registration placement involves a pharmacy graduate undertaking a year of training in the workplace before they can register as a pharmacist. The pre-registration year could be viewed like an apprenticeship. During the year the trainee will supervise pharmacists and also carry out tasks expected of a pharmacist under observation.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to participate in a focus group with other service users to discuss your experiences and perceptions of pharmacists.

Please find attached an information sheet about the research study. Before you decide if you would like to take part, it is important for you to understand why the project is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the attached following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please contact me (07929 654 626) if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

The focus group will take place at the University Hospitals Bristol Education and Research Centre on ONE of the following dates/times:

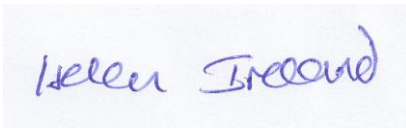
- Monday 16th May in the afternoon
- Tuesday 17th May in the morning or afternoon
- Wednesday 18th May in the morning

You will be able to claim out-of-pocket expenses such as travel costs.

If you would like to take part, please can you email me helen.ireland@uhbristol.nhs.uk or call (07929 654 626) to express your interest. When you contact me, please can you state your age, ethnicity, gender and briefly describe your experience of the NHS (for example do you use a pharmacy, are you a carer for someone or are you on any regular medicines) and which of the days/times above would be best for you.

Thank you very much and I hope you will be able to participate.

Kind regards,



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