

## Have you been diagnosed with, or are you a carer for someone who has been diagnosed with any of the following

- Addison's Disease
- Cushing's Syndrome
- A lipid disorder for example Familial Hypercholesterolaemia. We are looking for someone who is receiving treatment for this.

### Are you willing to tell us about your healthcare experiences?

Our trainees are future Clinical Biochemists, working and training within NHS hospital laboratories. They play a vital role in diagnosing and monitoring medical conditions by analysing blood and other body fluids. Their work helps doctors make informed decisions about patient care, from interpreting test results and writing reports to advising on further investigations.

Your insights help trainees understand what it's like to experience medical conditions, tests, and treatments from a patient's perspective, reminding them that behind every result is a person. Your input helps shape how they think about communication, empathy, and the real-world impact of their work.'

### Who are we looking for and what do we need you to do?

We are looking for people who live in the Northwest and would be happy to talk about their experiences of one of the conditions, treatments or experiences above. We will ask you to talk to up to 3 separate groups of students for 45 minutes each time. There will be up to 14 trainees and a facilitator in each group.

**This event will take place at the University of Manchester campus on Oxford Road.** For more details about what this will involve, look at the additional information sheet on our application form.

You will be given £90 as a thank you for your time. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. These will be paid into your bank account

### When would we need you and for how long?

The session will take place on:

- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1pm-4pm**

If you are selected there will be a 15-minute information session on teams prior to the event. This will be arranged at a time to suit. If you are new to Teams we can help you with this.

### What should you do if you are interested?

Click on this link and fill in the short questionnaire:

[https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV\\_9prBkfGcGdSJVJ4](https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_9prBkfGcGdSJVJ4)

This will ask for some details about the impact this condition has on your life. We use this information to select people whose medical conditions, experiences and perspectives are the closest match to the students' courses so please give enough details to help us to do this.

The **closing date** for expressing interest: **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2026**

We will confirm whether you have been successful by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2026