

Have you, or are you a carer for someone who has been diagnosed with:

- Coeliac Disease
- Ankylosing Spondylitis
- Narcolepsy
- Hypersensitivity to abacavir drug used for HIV treatment

Are you willing to tell us about your healthcare experiences?

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

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 a group of up to 5 students and 1 facilitator. This will be for 45 minutes and will include the students asking you questions about your experiences.

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 £35 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 2nd December.**

We will need you for 1 hour between 1.55-2.55pm, or 2.55-3.55pm.

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

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 1st November 2026**

We will confirm whether you have been successful by Sunday 15th November 2026