Have you been affected by childhood Leukaemia?

Some scientists study genes or cells in the human body to try and understand which ones make people more likely to develop leukaemia, and which allow the illness to get worse quickly. Knowing that a particular gene or cell may affect a disease can help scientists to develop future treatments, tests to diagnose the illness more quickly, or even a cure.

Talking to a scientist at the early stage of their research could help them to see how important their research could be. It may help them to focus on the areas of research that affect patients the most. Or it may help them understand what questions or concerns patients/carers may have, so that they can do additional research to answer those questions or concerns early on.

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

We are looking for 5 people who would be happy to:

- listen to a researcher explaining their research
- take part in a discussion about their research including, the impact their research could have, and how you would like them to extend this research in the future

You do not have to understand science or have any qualifications to take part. We are keen to hear from anyone over the age of 18 who has been affected by childhood leukaemia in any way. For example you may have had this condition yourself, you may be or have been a carer for a child with leukaemia or you may be a nurse who works with children who have leukaemia.

Please note: this is laboratory-based research and may take many years before it has an impact on patient care.

This event will take place on Microsoft Teams. You won't need to download the Teams app, and if you aren't used to Teams we are happy to help you use it.

For more details about the event, see the further information sheet on our application form.

When would we need you and for how long?

Tuesday 12th January 2027 7-8.30pm

You will be given £45 as a thank you for your help. Payment will be made into your bank account.

What should you do if you are interested?

Click on this link and fill in the short questionnaire/form:
https://www.qualtrics.manchester.ac.uk/jfe/form/SV_0kMsjFCyaEZvD2S

Or type this link into your browser: https://tinyurl.com/MRCCL2026

This will ask for some details about how you have been affected by leukaemia, and why you would like to take part in this discussion. We use this to select a range of people so please give enough details to help us to do this.

The **closing date** for expressing interest is Friday **11th December 2026.** We will confirm whether you have been successful by Monday 21st December 2026