



Public Involvement Opportunity

Get involved in the design of a research study to prevent complications for patients who have a permanent stoma.

Deadline: 12:00 on Wednesday 11 December 2019

Please contact us before distributing this advert to other networks.

Who can get involved?

Individuals who have:

- a permanent stoma
- a parastomal hernia or have had one treated
- an interest in the topic

You need to be registered with the involvement community to submit an expression of interest. Members of the public who have not registered are invited to submit a [registration form](#) to become part of the involvement community.

Who is the opportunity with?

Swansea Bay University Health Board

Location

Attendance in person not required - contact will be via email, post and/or telephone contact

Background information

Parastomal hernia (a hernia around the stoma) is a common complication affecting people who have had a permanent stoma following surgery for cancer or inflammatory

bowel disease.

A parastomal hernia can cause problems with stoma care. These problems can in turn have a significant impact on quality of life. Usage of a new technique to position the stoma during surgery has been shown to significantly reduce the risk of getting a parastomal hernia.

Researchers would like to find out if the technique improves quality of life for those people who require permanent stomas.

What is required?

Up to ten individuals to be involved via email, post or telephone:

- in the design and development of patient reported outcome questionnaires (PROMS)
- by commenting and giving their views on the new surgical technique and the research question

Total time for involvement will be 1 to 2 hours.

What reward is offered for taking part?

The public involvement and engagement team will:

- Offer payment for time of up to £10 per hour (people can request less if they are in receipt of state benefits).

Please refer to our guidelines for expenses/payment for time, which includes information on pre-approval of expenses, and our guidance for people in receipt of state benefits, which are both available online <https://www.healthandcareresearch.gov.wales/public-involvement-resources/>.

As a registered member of the community you will also have access to support from the public involvement and engagement team and the Health and Care Research Wales [training programme](#).

What further support is available?

Support from members of the study team/training through the study

How do I register my interest?

Please submit your expression of interest by completing our [online form](#) by **12:00 on Wednesday 11 December 2019**.

Access to expressions of interest is secure, restricted and dealt with confidentially.

Next steps

The public involvement and engagement team is advertising this opportunity on behalf of the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional) to find members of the public to be involved in their work.

We will review and send on appropriate expressions of interest to the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional).

You will be contacted either by the team or by the opportunity lead (researcher and/or other professional).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at research-involvement@wales.nhs.uk or on 02920 230 457.