

## **Do you provide services for people with Familial Spastic Paraparesis? : volunteers needed for research study**

Researchers from the University of Plymouth are undertaking research to explore the experience of people affected by Familial Spastic Paraparesis with healthcare services across Devon and Cornwall. In order to do this we will undertake a number of focus groups where we will listen to the views and opinions of a range of people, including those that receive services (e.g. people with the condition and their spouse / carers) and those that provide them (e.g. nurses, general practitioners, neurologists, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, social workers). We will also listen to any suggestions you may have as to how these services may be improved.

If you agree to being involved in this research, you will participate in one focus group session of approximately one and a half hours duration. We anticipate that the focus group will be held in either Plymouth or Exeter, although this can be tailored according to the needs of the group. We will pay your travel expenses to attend the focus group, and coffee and tea will be provided.

It is hoped that by enhancing our understanding about peoples' experiences of these services from a range of different perspectives, we will be able to make some recommendations about how services might be improved for all concerned.

If you are interested in discussing this research, or in receiving more information about how you might be involved in it, then please contact either Professor Jonathan Marsden (ph: 01752 587590; [jonathan.marsden@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:jonathan.marsden@plymouth.ac.uk)) or Dr Jenny Freeman (01752 238835; [jenny.freeman@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:jenny.freeman@plymouth.ac.uk)) at the School of Health Professions, Faculty of Health and Social Work, University of Plymouth.

We look forward to hearing from you

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