

Dear Members of the Public and Patient Involvement Groups and Networks,

We are contacting you about the CovPall-Connect study on the evaluation of the COVID-19 pandemic response in palliative and end of life care by connecting to boost impact and data assets <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/cicelysaunders/research/evaluating/covpall-study/covpall-connect>) This research project was successfully awarded through a rapid funding call by Health Data Research UK, Office for National Statistics and UK Research and Innovation and is led by Professor Irene J Higginson, Cicely Saunders Institute Of Palliative Care, Policy & Rehabilitation, King's College London.

You can read a lay summary of the project here: [www.hdruk.ac.uk/projects/covpall-connect-evaluation-of-how-palliative-and-end-of-life-care-teams-have-responded-to-covid-19-connecting-to-boost-impact-and-data-assets/](http://www.hdruk.ac.uk/projects/covpall-connect-evaluation-of-how-palliative-and-end-of-life-care-teams-have-responded-to-covid-19-connecting-to-boost-impact-and-data-assets/)

We want to invite you to be involved in this project. We will be hosting an online meeting through Zoom on the **11<sup>th</sup> of May 3-5pm**. We are looking for **15** individuals with experience or interest in life limiting illnesses. We would like hear about your experiences in the pandemic, as well as your views on how health and social care areas can be improved to meet public and patient needs.

With your support we want to identify priority areas to focus on with our research.

The meeting will be 2 hours, and we will send you further information to read beforehand. We will be compensating at a rate of £19.40 per hour for your time, and £25.00 per hour for any additional carer costs that may be required for your attendance. In order to ensure representativeness, we will be asking you to provide some information about yourself.

We will need to keep the meeting small in order to give you the maximum time to express your views and discuss fully. If we receive more applications than planned, we may only be able to invite some to attend at this time. However, we will be in touch to let you know of future opportunities.

If you are interested in being involved or have any questions, please email Harry Watson ([Harry.Watson@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Harry.Watson@kcl.ac.uk)) by the **3<sup>rd</sup> of May**. Please tell us a little bit about yourself, why you are interested in life limiting illnesses, where you live, what you do, and any other information you feel may be relevant.

All the information you provide will be kept confidential. A final list of attendees will be determined and notified by the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

We thank you for your consideration and interest, below you can find more information about us and the project.

Best regards,

On behalf of the CovPall-Connect Team

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### **Further information about us and the project**

We are currently working on a project titled 'CovPall-Connect: Evaluation of the COVID-19 pandemic response in palliative and end of life care: Connecting to boost impact and data assets'. This project is following on from a previous project called 'CovPall', in which we asked doctors, nurses and other medical staff about how they have managed and changed the way that they work during COVID-19. This allowed us to understand the effect of the pandemic on palliative care and how palliative care services adapted to treat COVID-19 patients and patients who dying from other health conditions.

CovPall-Connect aims to use national health and care data to increase the findings from CovPall.

More information regarding the CovPall study, CovPall-Connect, and some of the lead researchers can be found below:

CovPall: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/cicelysaunders/research/evaluating/covpall-study/covpall-study>

CovPall-Connect: <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/cicelysaunders/research/evaluating/covpall-study/covpall-connect>

### **Members of the Project Team**

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