

CAN YOU HELP? CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS AND CLINICAL TRIALS

Hi. My name is Lesley Powell and I'm a researcher at the University of Oxford. I'm looking for **young people** (ages 12 to 20 years) to contribute to a new section of www.youthhealthtalk.org on **taking part in clinical trials** (even if you have completed the trial, withdrew or declined to take part, I would like to hear from you). I am also looking for **parents of children** (age birth upwards) who consented on their child's behalf or their child has taken part in a trial as above (www.healthtalkonline.org). The **trial** can be of any form or type including medicines and other types of treatment and care such as surgery, vaccination, neonatal care, different types of diet, physiotherapy, complementary therapies etc. Topics we may discuss are:

Why you decided to take part (or said no!)?

How you discussed it with your parents, and with doctors or nurses?

What information you were given about the trial – could you understand it?

How it felt being part of a trial, and what you had to do?

What you think about medical research?

Could things have been done better? Would you do it again?

What's involved?

I would ask you about your experiences and views in an **interview** (face-to-face, by telephone or via the internet). You can also share your experiences through a photo diary, poems, drawings or photos. I will then put clips from your interview on our website: you can **choose** whether we use video, audio or text clips or you can even have an actor speak your words if you want to be completely **anonymous**.

"They had a **trial** going on when I first started my chemo that looked at giving it more intensively over a shorter period. We decided that I would take part in the **trial**...Mum was always making sure she knew exactly what was going on and why they were doing things



For more information, please contact Lesley Powell, by phone, text or email. If you then decide you don't want to take part - **no problem**. **Many thanks**

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