

We are looking for people with CRPS who would like to take part in a study exploring how and whether online forums can meet the support needs of people with CRPS.

Our goal is to improve online support for people living with CRPS. We are interested in the types of support provided online, how support develops and what support providers can do to encourage its development. To do this, we are setting up a private online forum, with funding from the NHS. This forum will launch on June 1st.

To help us work out whether the forum is providing you with a useful means of support, from time to time we will ask you to complete an online questionnaire for us. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential. You will find a link to this questionnaire at the bottom of this email.

After the forum has been running for three months, we will be offering members the chance to take part in a group activity, creating a Wikipedia-like page to describe CRPS, and the experience of living with it, to the outside world. This will run in conjunction with the forum, and you are free to take part in one or both of these activities.

You may decide that you do not want to take part in the online activities, but would still like to take part in the study. We are very interested in your experiences, and would welcome your responses to the questionnaire too.

To take part in this research and get more information about the forum, please click on the following link to complete the questionnaire.

https://www.survey.bath.ac.uk/crps_online_questionnaire

Once again, we'd like to thank you for your interest in this study. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr Jeff Gavin