

Voluntary Participants Needed

We want to hear from you.

Your experience can make a difference.

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals staff have been invited to take part in research led by the University of Leicester. The study, UK-REACH, aims to explore how ethnicity may affect COVID-19 outcomes across the UK, and the impact of the pandemic on healthcare workers. Recommendations from the study will help to inform future public health initiatives.

Who can take part?

All health care workers can take part including those in ancillary roles (porters, catering, security, administrative staff). We particularly encourage those from an ethnic minority background. The aim of this study is to understand if, how, and why, ethnicity affects COVID-19 diagnosis and clinical outcomes in people who work in healthcare settings. It is entirely voluntary, and you can answer questions at your own discretion.

How do I get involved and make a difference?

We are looking for volunteers to participate in one or both options below

Option 1 – Questionnaires

After registering, you will be asked to complete an online questionnaire on joining the study. UK-REACH will then ask you to complete two further questionnaires over the following year. Each questionnaire will ask for information about you, your health, work and home life and will take around 30 minutes to complete, on any PC, tablet or smart phone device. Once you have completed the survey UK-REACH_will enter you into a prize draw in which 10 randomly selected respondents who complete each wave of the survey will win £250 Amazon vouchers, 10 will win £50 Amazon vouchers and 250 will win £5 Amazon vouchers.

Option 2 - 1:1 Interview

Volunteers are also needed to participate in safe, virtual 1-1 interviews or focus groups to discuss your personal views and experiences as a healthcare worker during COVID-19. Interviews will last for approximately 45 minutes – 1 hour and focus groups will be 1-1.5 hours. After the 1:1 interview or focus group, participants will be given a £20 voucher/cash to thank them for their contribution.

Anything you say will be confidential, and the information you give will be anonymised – this will only be used by UK-REACH for the purposes of the study and will not be shared with UHL. Website: https://www.uk-reach.org/lthnft Contact: +44 (0) 7425 611865

