

Facilitating and advancing
research and best practice in
psoriatic arthritis in the UK+



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Hi,

My name is Laura Coates and I am a rheumatologist caring for people with psoriatic arthritis and the current Chair of the British Psoriatic Arthritis Consortium (BritPACT). BritPACT is a multi-disciplinary organisation developed to facilitate and advance research and best practice in psoriatic arthritis in the United Kingdom.

I am writing to invite people with psoriatic arthritis, and carers of people with psoriatic arthritis to join us on a Steering Committee for a large UK wide project aiming to identify the key unmet needs that patients, carers and clinicians think research should focus on.

This process is run with the James Lind Alliance who support an official process called a Priority Setting Partnership (PSP). BritPACT is funding the PSP and we have partnered with the British Society of Rheumatology, Psoriasis Association and Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis Alliance (PAPAA) to develop this project.

Further information on the James Lind PSP process is available here: <http://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/about-the-james-lind-alliance/about-psps.htm>

There is a useful video from another PSP (looking at Diabetes) which explains why we are doing this project. You can view this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kkFx46eFNuU>.

We want to recruit 6-8 people with psoriatic arthritis on the steering group alongside around 6-8 clinicians (rheumatologists, dermatologist, psychologist, GP, specialist nurse). The commitment as a member of the steering committee would be to attend all (or at least most) of the four face-to-face meetings which will be held in central London. There will also be a monthly teleconference to monitor progress. You would be involved in planning a large internet-based survey about unmet needs that will be sent to patients, carers and clinicians, reviewing summaries of the results and then helping to priorities which of these unmet needs are the most important.

It is expected that the entire process will take around 18 months with a total of 4 face to face meetings through that time. We are hoping to have a first meeting in November/December 2019 but will follow up with a survey of possible dates if you are interested.

Please contact me via info@britpact.org if you are interested.

Thank you,

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Steering Committee:

Dr Laura Coates (Chair) , Ms Mel Brooke, Professor Oliver FitzGerald (International Advisor), Dr Nicola Gullick, Dr Philip Helliwell (Treasurer), Dr Deepak Jadon, Professor Bruce Kirkham, Professor Neil McHugh, Dr Jon Packham, Mr Andrew Parkinson, Dr Stefan Siebert & Dr William Tillett