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**Dear All Members and Leaders of Keeping Pace with Pain,**

I am writing you on behalf of myself and my academic supervisor Dr Cathy Price to formally ask if you would be interested in taking part in a research project we are conducting.

We are looking to investigate patient journey (patient experience) with chronic pain services in Southampton using a questionnaire and would very much appreciate your help. As this research project is completely new, we must first design a questionnaire that can be used to assess patient journey in chronic pain. To be able to do this we need to know examples of patient pain journeys so that we can design a questionnaire to elicit this information from others in future.

We were wondering if any of your members would be interested in being part of a small focus group after your March meeting to facilitate this. It would involve about 8-10 members sharing their experiences together with the researcher, using a Dictaphone to make an audio recording. This recording would then be destroyed once a transcript has been made.

If this is something that your members would be interested in taking part in please do let me know and I would be more than willing to send you some additional information. We would also like to be able to return to a later meeting briefly, with the designed questionnaire, to hear feedback from any participants and show them the completed project.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks and yours sincerely

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