**Glasgow Arthritis Involvement Network (GAIN)**

**Patient Research Partner Information**

The Glasgow Arthritis Involvement Network (GAIN) is a group of people living with arthritis and related conditions who inform and actively collaborate in Rheumatology research conducted at the School of Infection and Immunity in the University of Glasgow (https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/infectionimmunity/).

Our School is committed to conducting research that reflects the needs and views of people with these conditions to ensure the research questions we ask are relevant and impactful.

GAIN members collaborate with our researchers about what research we should do, how we should go about it and how we can share it with the public. Members are enthusiastic individuals who engage with scientists, academics, and healthcare professionals, collaborating and contributing to various aspects of the research including identifying research priorities, assessing research applications, and informing study design and research dissemination.

Involvement is based on individual’s preference and can take many forms including joining research proposal workshops, membership of study teams and steering groups, reviewing funding applications, designing participant information sheets, and participating in research dissemination and public engagement development and design.

**Where can I find out more about public involvement in research?**

Further information about what public involvement in research is, can be found on the INVOLVE website: <https://www.invo.org.uk/find-out-more/what-is-public-involvement-in-research-2/>

Versus Arthritis has published information about involving people with arthritis in research: <https://www.versusarthritis.org/research/involving-people-with-arthritis/>

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## More information about GAIN is available here: https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/infectionimmunity/research/clinicalresearch/getinvolved/

## The School of Infection and Immunity webpage is here: https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/infectionimmunity/

**How do I become involved in the work of GAIN?**

If you have arthritis and would like to find out more or become involved in GAIN please complete the form on the next page, email GAIN@glasgow.ac.uk, or call 0141 330 5620 for further information.

Many thanks for your interest.

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We believe that patients should be involved in research that is potentially for their benefit. The Glasgow Arthritis Involvement Network ([GAIN](https://www.gla.ac.uk/researchinstitutes/iii/research/clinicalresearch/getinvolved/)) is a group of patients who are actively involved in the work of the [School of Infection and Immunity](https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/infectionimmunity/research/clinicalresearch/getinvolved/) in the University of Glasgow. GAIN members collaborate with our researchers about what research we should do, how we should go about it and how we can share it with the public.

**Please complete this form if you are interested in finding out about the work of GAIN, and how you could get involved.**

**Please provide your contact information**

Title: Full Name:

Home address:

Telephone (Home/Mobile):

Email address:

**Preferred method of contact (please tick)**

[ ] Email [ ] Phone [ ] Post [ ] No preference

**Are you a …? \* (please tick)**

[ ] Patient [ ] Relative [ ] Carer [ ] Other

**Diagnosed disease/ disease of interest\* (please tick)**

[ ]  Rheumatoid Arthritis [ ]  Psoriatic arthritis [ ]  Lupus [ ]  Sjögren’s Syndrome

[ ]  Ankylosing Spondylitis / Axial spondyloarthritis [ ]  Other (please specify)

**Would you be willing to travel to attend meetings in-person in Glasgow, or would you prefer to contribute remotely by Zoom, Microsoft Teams, telephone call or similar?**

[ ]  Could attend meetings in Glasgow [ ]  Would prefer to contribute remotely

\*We ask for this information as sometimes researchers request support from patients with experience of a specific condition. This allows us to avoid sending requests that are not relevant to you.

Below are some of the activities that GAIN patient partners are involved with. Training and support for patient partners is provided where necessary. We are happy to reimburse any travel expenses you have when taking part in research activities. Please note that you are under no obligation to be involved in any of the projects or activities that you are invited to join. **Please tell us which activities you are willing to take part in by ticking the appropriate boxes below:**

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| **Activity** | **I am willing to take part in this activity** |
| **Applications for research funding:** |
| Advising on proposals to request funding for research |  |
| Developing a plain English summary of a research proposal |  |
| Writing a letter of support for a request for research funding |  |
| **Research projects:** |
| Advising on documents for research participants, such as information letters and invitations to take part in research |  |
| Advising on the methods used in a research study |  |
| **Developing a plain English summary of research findings:** |  |
| Contributing to research publications |  |
| Advising on ways to distribute research findings to a wider audience |  |
| Attending project meetings |  |
| Attending research seminars/conferences |  |
| **GAIN:** |
| Recruiting new GAIN members |  |
| Contributing to the GAIN website |  |
| Advising on the content of the GAIN website |  |
| Contributing to a GAIN newsletter |  |

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**If you would like more information on GAIN, or to return this form, please contact:**

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Any personal data you provide will be used by the GAIN administrator to create and update a record of your contact details. We will also record your involvement in specific research projects/ events. This form and all records created from it will be destroyed if you advise the GAIN administrator that you no longer wish to maintain contact with the panel. PLEASE NOTE:By completing and returning this form you agree that we can use the information you provide as described above. We shall never use this information for any other purpose.