

## **Volunteers wanted for online focus group discussions exploring the lived experiences of individuals attending SMART Family and Friends**

We would like to speak to individuals who attend SMART Family and Friends. to help shape the research questions of a project that is being planned by addiction researchers at Kings College London, University of Birmingham and Edge Hill University. Our project will focus on how SMART Family and Friends attendees' sense of self, their identity and behaviours have been shaped by the addiction issues they have indirectly experienced and by attending SMART Family and Friends.

We are looking for UK volunteers who have attended at least one SMART Family and Friends meeting previously to contribute to focus group discussions. This will involve talking about your sense of identity, how you became aware of SMART Family and Friends, the ways it has supported you, and how it could be improved. You will also be asked to share some brief written thoughts (anonymously) in response to prompts.

Participants will be required to attend two 1 ½ hour online focus groups of 8-10 people via Microsoft Teams and your insights will be used to help us develop a grant application in this area.

The first meeting will take place on **1<sup>st</sup> November 2-3:30pm** and the second meeting will take place **15<sup>th</sup> November 2-3:30pm**. Please only express an interest in participating if you can attend both sessions. If a lot of individuals sign up, please also understand that we may need to choose participants via a raffle. The deadline for expressions of interest is 28<sup>th</sup> October 12 Noon.

Participants will be reimbursed £75 for attending both focus group discussions. Payments will be handled by bank transfer. If you are selected to take part, we will contact you to request some details to facilitate this.

For more information or to offer to sign up, please contact Professor Rebecca Monk via [monkre@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:monkre@edgehill.ac.uk).