

## Participant Recruitment Advert

## Title of project: Mental health support for patients with vision impairment and their significant others

The diagnosis of vision impairment can have significant emotional and mental health impacts on patients and their significant others. This study attempts to explore these challenges and establish what types of support might be most helpful during adjustment to vision loss.

We are inviting people who are the significant others of people who have received a diagnosis of vision impairment to an online focus group to discuss your experiences of being the significant other of a person receiving the diagnosis and adjusting to vision loss. We will also be asking for recommendations about the types of support which might be helpful for significant others at various stages of the experience.

**Duration:** 60 – 90-minute online focus group discussion

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The study has received ethics approval by the School of Psychology and Sport Science Research Ethics Panel (SREP) and ratified by the Faculty Research Ethics Panel under the terms of Anglia Ruskin University's Research Ethics Policy and the Code of Practice for Applying for Ethical Approval at Anglia Ruskin University.

If you are interested in taking part in the focus group discussions or have questions about this study, contact: visionproject@aru.ac.uk