

# PARTICIPANTS REQUIRED



For a MSc Health Psychology  
research project investigating  
middle aged and older female  
adults with invisible chronic  
illnesses' experiences of  
involvement in online  
'Spoonies' support communities

Are you aged 40+? Do you have an Invisible Chronic Illness (e.g., fibromyalgia, myalgic encephalomyelitis or chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS), lupus, etc.)? Do you regularly participate in online 'Spoonies' support communities? Are you based in the UK, US, Canada, Australia or South Africa?

If you answered yes to these questions and are willing to participate in a 30 to 45 minute, audio-only interview conducted in English over Microsoft Teams, please contact me by emailing me at [100248670@unimail.derby.ac.uk](mailto:100248670@unimail.derby.ac.uk). This study will be conducted in accordance with British Psychological Society (BPS) ethical guidelines and has been reviewed and approved on behalf of the College of Health Psychology and Social Care Research Ethics Committee. The ethics approval number for this study is **ETH2223-3327**. Academic supervision is provided by Dr. Amy Baraniak ([a.baraniak@derby.ac.uk](mailto:a.baraniak@derby.ac.uk)).

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