Report by the convener, Dr Mari Campbell (Clinical psychologist)

As some of you may remember, we recently sent an email around asking for volunteers to take part in a focus group about patients' involvement in research within the department. The reason for this group was to help us, as a Clinical Team, better understand how patients experience being asked about, taking part in and receiving feedback about research. This was so that we could think about

- To put the research undertaken in the Department in context, for example circulating information about research being undertaken outside of the hospital and about how work at the Royal Free and UCL complements knowledge-building at other centres of excellence and on treatment practicalities.

As mentioned previously, we are aware that patients have different experiences and that the above group may not be entirely representative of all patients' views. If you have any thoughts, ideas or feedback about anything you have read above please let us know by emailing Mari Campbell on mari.campbell@nhs.net. Also if you would be interested in taking part in further focus groups or to get involved in other tasks that support research undertaken within the department, please email Sarita Workman on sarita.workman@nhs.net.