

Orthotics for Knee InStability

Dear Participant,

You are invited to take part in a survey where you will be asked about your experience, practice and preferences in providing orthotic devices for the treatment of adult patients (aged 16 and over) with knee instability due to neuromuscular diseases or central nervous system disorders.

We are interested in finding out about the types of orthotic devices being fitted, and the resources required to provide this service within the NHS. This survey is one element of a larger project which involves researchers and health professionals from the Universities of York, Nottingham and Strathclyde, Kingston University and Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton. The core research team is based at the University of York. The study has been commissioned by the National Institute of Health Research and the findings will inform what further research is needed in this area. The University of York's Department of Health Science Research Governance Committee has granted ethics approval for the survey to proceed.

I would like to invite you to participate in this on-line survey:

Link to survey You are invited to complete this survey if you are a health care professional who fits orthotic devices for, or are involved in the care of, these patients. If you are not currently providing a service to this population, we would be very grateful if you could complete the first nine questions of our survey.

If you have any questions regarding the survey or this research project in general, please contact *Researcher contact details*

The questionnaire should take 20-30 minutes of your time and all responses are anonymised.

Your participation is greatly appreciated as it is important that we have the views of as many health care professionals as possible.

For more information on our study and to keep informed on our progress, please visit our blog at:

<http://kneeorthotics.blogspot.co.uk/>