Are you interested in joining a one-day workshop to set priorities for occupational therapy research?

It's a great opportunity to help shape future research that could change the lives of people who access occupational therapy services.

What is the workshop for?
The aim of the workshop is to decide the final top 10 priorities for future research into occupational therapy. We hope that this will help researchers focus on finding answers to questions which matter most to people who access occupational therapy services, their carers/families and occupational therapists.

Who are we?
The Occupational Therapy Research Priority Setting Partnership is a collaboration between the Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) and the James Lind Alliance (JLA). It is funded by the RCOT and there is more information available at www.rcot.co.uk/otpsp.

The Occupational Therapy Research Priority Setting Partnership wants to give people who access occupational therapy services, their families/carers and occupational therapists a voice in shaping future occupational therapy research. Together, we want to identify the top 10 priorities for occupational therapy research in the UK.

Last year we asked people who access occupational therapy services, their carers/families and occupational therapists and others working in the health and care sector to tell us the questions they wanted research to answer. Almost 1,000 people responded, submitting over 3,000 questions – an amazing response!

We then created a longlist of the most common questions that people asked in the first survey and in a second survey asked people to choose the 10 questions from this longlist that were most important to them.

Who are we looking for?
We are looking for 24 people who have experience of, or knowledge about, occupational therapy. This includes people who access occupational therapy services, their carers/families and occupational therapists. This is an opportunity for people who aren’t already influencing the research agenda to have their say.

We need people to join the workshop who are prepared to share their experiences and opinions, and listen to other people’s experiences and opinions, and participate in group discussions.

We are keen to receive expressions of interest in participating in the workshop from people from across the UK who fall into any of the following categories. People who:

- Have accessed occupational therapy
- Are over the age of 65
- Are young adults (aged 16-24)
- Are family and carers of people who have accessed occupational therapy
- Are from black and minority ethnic groups
- Are from a variety of social backgrounds
- Are occupational therapists working in frontline practice or leading and managing frontline services

Together, we will make decisions about the top 10 research priorities we agree should be the focus of future research into occupational therapy.

When?
The workshop will take place in London on Monday 1 June 2020 from 9:30am to 4pm. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed by RCOT. For more information please contact Ruth Unstead-Joss via telephone on 0203 141 4695 or via email ruth.unstead-joss@rcot.co.uk.

To apply
If you are interested in taking part in the workshop, please complete the expression of interest on the next page and return to Ruth Unstead-Joss via email ruth.unstead-joss@rcot.co.uk by 19 April 2020.
Applicants must be people with experience of accessing occupational therapy services, carers of people who have accessed occupational therapy services and/or RCOT Professional Members who are UK-based.

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Name of Applicant:

Correspondence Address:

Postcode:

Daytime Tel No: RCOT Member No (if applicable):

Preferred Email Address:

Have you previously participated in a JLA priority setting workshop? Yes No

Please briefly tell us why you are interested in taking part in the workshop and what experience of occupational therapy services you bring. (max 200 words)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION BY EMAIL TO: Ruth Unstead-Joss, Project Coordinator
Royal College of Occupational Therapists ruth.unstead-joss@rcot.co.uk

* Must be HCPC registered (unless retired).