

Hello!

I am a Trainee Clinical Psychologist studying at the University of Leicester. As part of my training I am required to conduct a large scale piece of research. I am hoping to look at the effects that GBS has had upon sufferers. The research is in two parts:

1. I would like to interview around 6 people about their experiences of having GBS. **These people need to have experienced paralysis severe enough to warrant treatment on a ventilator.** It does not matter how old you are or how long ago you had GBS, I would like to talk to you about what this experience was like for you. Interviews can take place at your GP practice, at your home or over the telephone.
2. I would also like to involve as many people as possible in filling out questionnaires so that I can get a broad view of how GBS has affected individuals. **I need information from individuals who have had treatment for GBS regardless of the severity or duration of the illness.**

If you fulfill these criteria and you would like to take part in an interview or complete some questionnaires then you can:

1. Find additional information on the GBS support group website www.gbs.org.uk Details of the study and questionnaire packs can be downloaded from the GBS website directly or requested from the Support Group who will post them to you.
2. Contact Catherine Harrison at Leicester University for further details: 104 Regent Road, University of Leicester, Clinical Psychology, Leicester. LE17LT (0116 2231639). Details of the study and questionnaire packs can be requested from me and I will post them out to you. SAE will be provided. It is hoped that by gaining enough information, the findings can be shown to healthcare professionals so as to improve the treatment, recovery and support of those with GBS and their families.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this information.