

Research on the cost of living with a food hypersensitivity (ie coeliac disease, food allergies, food intolerances)

Introduction

The purpose of this research, for the Food Standards Agency (FSA), is to quantify the financial burden imposed on people with food hypersensitivity (ie coeliac disease, food allergies, food intolerances) through day-to-day management, including additional food costs and indirect costs such as travel, equipment and prescriptions. This research will be used to inform future policy making.

Who can take part?

If you would like to take part in the study you must be:

- **An adult with one or more food hypersensitivities (coeliac disease, food allergies, food intolerances) OR**
- **A parent/guardian of a child with one or more food hypersensitivities (coeliac disease, food allergies, food intolerances)**

What is involved?

The researchers, commissioned by the FSA would like to conduct interviews with people who have food hypersensitivity, as well as parents of children with food hypersensitivities, to explore the financial burden you face and additional considerations you need to make. These interviews will inform the direction of their subsequent research.

The interviews will last approximately 45 minutes and will be conducted via an online platform, Microsoft Teams.

The researchers are hoping through the initial interviews to gain perspectives from a diverse range of people with food hypersensitivities (ie age, sex, ethnicity, socioeconomic group and type of food hypersensitivity).

How to take part

If you are interested in taking part in the study, or would like more information, please contact roy.tierney@rsmuk.com or Katherine.troeller@rsmuk.com. Please note that by making contact and showing an interest you are not obliged to take part in the study.

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