



Feedback from 'GTAC' research project participants

September 2017

From Colin and Shirley Jones

Just a few words to capture our feelings following Friday's visit.

On the morning of Friday 7th April, my wife Shirley and I had the great honour to be the first to participate in the GTAC observational study at the Anne Rowling Clinic in Edinburgh.

We received a very warm welcome by the Study Team who impressed us with their enthusiasm and professionalism.

Shirley and I then took part in the review process, followed by several tests.

During the afternoon, we were lucky enough to be given a guided tour of the impressive laboratory facilities and meet the dedicated research team.

Their work was explained in detail. The criticality and speed of development in the understanding of MND quickly became apparent.

The visit was a fascinating and inspiring experience, and we were very pleased to be able to make a small contribution towards a future solution to Motor Neurone Disease.



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From Bill McLaren

I wanted to say a few words about our visit to Edinburgh on Monday last and to express our thoughts on how professional and kind everyone was.

My wife and I were so very impressed and delighted that we had the opportunity to visit the research facilities including those associated with The Anne Rowling Regenerative Neurology Clinic. In particular the reception from the staff was exceptional and the enthusiasm from Arpan, Danielle, Giulia and Dawn fairly crackled throughout the visit. It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to take a peek into the world and work being carried out into MND research.

Arpan produced a clever presentation to explain the work he is involved with and supported it with descriptions of the hardware and techniques to be used and developed - absolutely fascinating and explained cleverly and clearly sufficient to make it easily understandable for us. He was very attentive (despite suffering from removal of a wisdom tooth) and took us over to the J.K. Rowling annexe. Giulia dealt with the administration very thoroughly (extremely patiently) and in a very engaging manner, which made the whole process very easy to complete, with input from Arpan. Dawn the nurse also made the extraction of blood painless and amusing, but always very professional, which is quite a feat.

All in all the visit from our perspective was a great success and we came away very much more informed and impressed by the dedication, engagement and passion of those we met. We are very pleased to have made their acquaintance and in a small way to be associated with your objectives.

Please also accept our thanks for initiating the events to allow us to become involved and convey our thanks, appreciation and admiration for the team work shown by everyone.



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From Sandy McAllister

Delighted to meet you and all your colleagues on Monday and we were most impressed with all the research we heard about.

It was almost useful and informative session for both of us.