Dear Members of UNISON,   
  
As part of a PhD project, I am researching occupational trauma and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in paramedics. I have so far been using a wide range of methods in order to obtain information on this subject. One method I have been using is online internet forums, which facilitate discussion between paramedics relating to this subject.   
  
My project supervisor, who is also a Unison activist, has recommended you as a potential research population due to your experience in this area. Therefore, I would like to invite you to join the online forums in order to provide your input and opinions on the subject. This can be your own experiences, your opinions or ideas.   
  
The forum that I am inviting you to join is the UK Ambulance Forum. This forum is only accessible to registered members. Registration is straightforward, and can be done from the homepage (see below). The link to the exact thread can also be found below. Only other members of the forum can view your posts. In addition, your actual name is not visible to other members; just your username. Therefore, should you wish, your identity can remain anonymous within the forum as long as your username does not contain your actual name.   
  
If you have any further questions, you can email me at [KBaqai@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:KBaqai@uclan.ac.uk). I hope you consider participation in this study and discussion.   
  
Best Regards,   
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