

## **CGA/18/27 - Feasibility of recruiting an early Scottish knee osteoarthritis cohort**

Osteoarthritis (OA) affects 800,000 people in Scotland. Current treatment options are limited to painkillers and, when pain becomes disabling, joint replacement. We will recruit people in Scotland with early knee OA (a common form of OA). Studying such people will allow us to better diagnose the disease in its early stages; identify what biological markers predict people whose disease will get worse quickly and why; and identify new (drug and non-drug) treatments. Our ultimate aim is to give each patient the specific treatment most likely to improve their disease.