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INVESTIGATE-I: SURGEON INTERVIEW STUDY

Thank you for indicating that we may approach you about our interview study exploring surgeons' use of invasive urodynamic tests (IUT).

Before you decide whether to take part it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read this information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you want to take part.

What is the purpose of the study?

The main aim of the study is to better understand surgeons' use and interpretation of IUT, and how they use the results to decide the most appropriate treatment option. We also want to explore why surgeons would or would not be willing to invite their patients to take part in a future definitive randomised trial in which some patients would not receive IUT.

Why have I been chosen?

We are asking you to take part in this interview study because you recently completed a survey about your use of IUT, and indicated that we may approach you for an interview at a later date.

Do I have to take part?

No, it is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part you are still free to change your mind at any time and you do not have to give a reason.

What will happen to me if I decide to take part?

If you return the Interview Reply Slip enclosed, our interviewer will get in touch with you by phone or email, whichever you have said you prefer. The interviewer will talk to you about the project and answer any questions you may have. You can then decide whether or not you want to take part.

If you agree to take part the interviewer will arrange to interview you by telephone at a time that suits you. Interviews will be relatively short and last approximately 10-15 minutes. The interview will be audio recorded so that we have an accurate copy of what was said. If there are any questions you would prefer not to answer, then you don't have to and you are free to change your mind at any time. We will not put your name on the recording. The recording

of the interview will be typed up on a computer, and your name will not appear on the transcript.

What are the possible risks and benefits of taking part?

We do not expect any risks or benefits to you from taking part, but please be assured that you do not have to answer any questions that you are uncomfortable with, and you can cease to participate at any time. At the end of the interview we will check that you are still happy for us to use the information you have provided.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

All information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. All the information that leaves the university will have your name and address removed so that you cannot be recognised from it.

What will happen to the results of this study?

We will produce a report of our findings and may also publish the results of our findings in journals and at conferences. You will not be identified in any report or publication. It may be quite a while before we present information in this way. If you want to know the results of this interview study, tell us and we will send them to you as soon as they are ready.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The main INVESTIGATE-I study is being organised by a team of doctors and researchers in Newcastle, Leicester, Sheffield and Swansea. Mr Paul Hilton is primarily responsible for the study; he is a Consultant Gynaecologist in Newcastle where he works closely on the study with colleagues in the Clinical Trials Unit.

The interview study is being led by Dr Natalie Armstrong; she is a social scientist at the University of Leicester and carries out research exploring people's experience of taking part in health-related research.

The INVESTIGATE-I study is funded entirely by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR); this is an organisation set up to establish the NHS as an internationally recognised centre of research excellence by conducting leading research focused on the needs of patients and the public.

Thank you for reading this information. Our interviewer will be in touch with you shortly, if you return the Interview Reply Slip.