

Title of project: Debt Counselling for Depression in Primary Care: An Adaptive Randomised Controlled Trial

We are inviting you to take part in an interview for the above research study. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand the purpose of the interview and what it will involve. Please take the time to read this information carefully. Please do not hesitate to ask us if there is anything that is not clear. Thank you for reading this.

What is the purpose of the study?

As you will be aware, the purpose of this study is to find out if debt advice for patients with debt & depression, accessed through general practices, makes a difference to their recovery. Part of the study is an evaluation of the processes undertaken by GPs and CAB advisors in order to deliver the intervention. As part of that evaluation we wish to conduct semi-structured interviews with a sample of general practitioners and CAB staff taking part in the study. The findings from the interviews will be triangulated with other data collected as part of the study.

Why have I been asked to take part?

You have been asked to take part in this study because you are either a general practitioner who has agreed to take part in this study or a CAB advisor providing debt advice to participants.

Do I have to take part in an interview?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not you take part. If you decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form.

What happens next?

If you agree to take part, you will be contacted by a researcher to arrange an appropriate time and place to meet for the interview. At the time of the interview you will be asked to complete a consent form. Everything you say during the interview will be treated confidentially. If you agree, your interview will be audio-recorded and transcribed later, allowing the researcher to fully concentrate on your interview. You will be free to withdraw from the interview at any point.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

Yes.

We will follow ethical and legal practice and all information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. During our reporting of the study, we may use quotations from your interview in reports, papers and presentations of the findings. However, any quotations will be anonymised and will not be attributable to you.

How will my information be stored?

Anonymised paper transcripts of the interview will be stored in locked filing cabinets within locked offices at local University sites. Anonymised electronic copies of transcripts will be stored on approved University computers at each site, which are password protected and virus checked. Data will only be stored on the University's managed network server and not on the computer's own hard drive. Original audio files will be destroyed after four months – once transcripts have been checked. Personal data will be stored under strict security and destroyed after the statutory time period. Completely anonymous data may be retained for up to 10 years after the study.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

Results of the study will be published in academic and professional journals and a report of the results will be sent to the funding organisation – the National Institute for Health Research. The study results will be fed back to members of the public through our service user group colleagues and contacts. We will also work with commissioners and GPs to explore how best to put the study findings in to practice.

Who is organising and funding the research?

This project was funded by the National Institute for Health Research HTA Programme (project number: 11/148/01). The research is sponsored by the University of Liverpool.

Who has reviewed the study?

All research in the NHS is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your safety, rights, wellbeing and dignity. This study has been reviewed and given a favourable opinion by: NRES Committee North West - Preston [Ref: 14/NW/0230].

Further information and contact details

If you require any further information you can contact:

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