

Participant Information Sheet

Interviews with participants as part of the SSHEW study

Invitation to take part in an interview

You have kindly agreed to take part in the SSHeW study, which aims to find out if slip resistant footwear reduces the number of slips people have at work.

We are inviting you to take part in a one-to-one interview, which will look at your experiences of being in the study and your thoughts about the footwear you were given.

Before you decide whether to take part, it is important to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read this information sheet carefully. If there is anything you wish to discuss in more detail or that is unclear please contact us.

Why am I being invited to take part?

When you consented to take part in the SSHeW study, you agreed that we could invite you to take part in a telephone interview.

We want to talk to a variety of people about their experiences of being in the study, what they thought of the shoes they were given for the study, and why they either did or did not wear them. We hope to interview about 40 people who are taking part in the study.

Why is it important to know what people think about the footwear and about preventing slips and falls at work?

In the SSHeW study we are looking at whether slip resistant footwear can reduce the number of slips and falls NHS staff have at work. We are interested in finding out what NHS staff think about how slips and falls could be prevented at work and what they think about the footwear we are testing. We will use this information to inform the results of the study and to enable us to make recommendations to stakeholders about

using slip resistant footwear in the workplace.

What will I need to do if I take part?

If you are happy to take part, you will need to give about 30 to 60 minutes of your time. A researcher will contact you to arrange a date and time to suit you. There are no right and wrong answers to the questions asked in the interview. We just want to find out your views about the shoes provided for the study, your experiences of wearing them and the reasons why you did or did not wear them.

The interviews will be recorded using a digital voice recorder so that we can keep an accurate record of everything you say. The recording of the interview will be copied to a secure University of York computer. The interview will then be typed-up by a secretary.

If we become aware of any healthcare issues which come to light as a result of the interview, we will suggest you contact your GP to discuss this with them. If we become aware of any health and safety issues, we may have to report this to the trust.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The results of the study may help us better understand how to reduce the number of slips and falls people have in the workplace.

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?

If you take part in the interview, you will need to give up to one hour of your time. To thank you for your time, we will offer you a £20 high street shopping voucher.

What if something goes wrong?

While we anticipate that no harm or distress will occur to anyone as a result of this study or interview, it is important to state that there are no special

compensation arrangements. If you wish to complain, or have any concerns about any aspect of the way you have been approached or treated during the course of this study, the normal National Health Service complaints mechanisms are available to you.

Do I have to take part?

It is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to take part. Participation in the interview is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form.

What happens when the interview finishes?

We will be interviewing a number of staff. When all the interviews have finished, we will write up the information and publish it in scientific journals which will be read by health professionals and Health and Safety Managers. We may also present the findings at conferences. The Health and Safety Executive will disseminate our findings via their website, and the findings will be included in the courses they run aimed at reducing slips and trips in the workplace. All those taking part in the study will be sent a summary of the results.

If I take part, will all the information be kept confidential?

Yes, only the research team will know that you have taken part in the interview. Your name will not be written on the transcripts or in any written reports of the research. We may use anonymised written quotations from the interviews in presentations and teaching. All recordings will be stored securely for a period of 5 years after the study has finished, then they will be destroyed.

Who is organising and funding the study?

This study is being organised by researchers at the University of York and the Health & Safety Executive. The research has been funded by the National Institute for Health Research Public Health Research Programme and the Health & Safety Executive.

Who has reviewed and checked the study?

This study has been reviewed and approved by the University of York, Department of Health Sciences Research Governance Committee and your local hospital Trust Research and Development committee.

What do I do now?

If you would like to take part

A researcher will contact you via email, text and/or phone to ask if you would like to take part in the study. If you agree, they will then arrange a time to talk to you. The researcher can give you more information if you need it and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

If you do not want to take part

If you do not want to take part please let the researcher know when they contact you.

If you are not sure if you want to take part

Please let the researcher know when they contact you. They will answer any questions you have and give you more time to consider whether or not to take part.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.

If you have any questions about the study please contact:

Researchers: insert details

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Email: insert details

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