



**Mental Health Care Coordination and Recovery Project
PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPANT
INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH**

We are inviting you to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take 10 minutes to read the following information carefully. One of the research team will also be available to go through this information sheet with you. You are welcome to get in touch with me and talk to others about the study if you wish.

Part 1

What is the purpose of the study?

To gain your views on care coordination and recovery in mental health. This can then be used to improve services both locally and nationally.

Why have I been invited?

You work in the mental health field. In total we plan to invite 10 people to be involved in this part of the study.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide to join the study after you have read this information sheet. If you agree to take part we will ask you to sign a consent form. You are still free to change your mind at any point without having to give a reason and with no effect your legal position or work in any way.

What will happen to me if I take part?

You will be interviewed by a researcher at a place and time convenient to you. These interviews should take about an hour. With your permission the interviews will be digitally recorded so we get all the detail of what you say.

What will I have to do?

You will be asked to discuss your views of mental health services and in particular care coordination, CPA (Care Programme Approach) and what you understand by 'Recovery'.

Will my taking part in the research be confidential?

Yes. We will follow ethical and legal practice and all the information about you will be handled in confidence. All the information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential, and any information about you we use will have your name and address removed so that you cannot be recognised. The information you give us will be looked by research staff within Northumbria University and stored carefully on a password protected computer and all the information will be destroyed a year after the study has ended.

What are the possible advantages and disadvantages of taking part?

We do not consider that there are any disadvantages to taking part except that you will be giving up your time. We plan to have a conference in 2014, if you take part, you will be invited and able to have a say. The advantage of being involved is that your input will go towards improving local and services.

Part 2

What will happen if I do not wish to carry on with the study?

If you withdraw we will destroy all the information you have given us and remove you from our records.

What if there is a problem?

If you have a concern about any aspect of the research please contact me (Toby Brandon) on 0191 2156672. I will do my best to address your concerns. If you tell me something that involves criminal activities or potential abuse or harm to yourself or others I am obliged to pass this information on to someone in authority.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

It is intend to develop a report that can be used by everyone interested in good practice in mental health care coordination and recovery so that services both locally and nationally can be improved.

Who is organising and funding the research study?

The research is being funded by the NHS and organised by the Northumbria University.

Who has reviewed the research study?

This research study has been reviewed and given a favourable opinion by the Newcastle and North Tyneside (2) Research Ethics Committee (ref: 11/NE/01).

Name of researcher who will be interviewing you Toby Brandon

Further Information and Contact Details:

If there is anything that is not clear please ask me for more information. You can contact Liz Bowman Care Co-ordination Development / Training Lead Clinical Governance Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust St Nicolas Hospital.
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