



Participant Information Sheet (Community interviews)

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Improving the quality of prison healthcare

Invitation

We are conducting research to find out what people who have been in prison think about the quality of prison healthcare. We are inviting you to take part in a research interview. Before you decide if you would like to take part you will need to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. We would be grateful if you could read the following information, or if it is easier, a researcher could read it out to you (a recording of the Information Sheet can be found at <https://qual-p.org/thinking-about-taking-part/>). You can contact Sue Bellass who is the researcher on the study (s.bellass@leeds.ac.uk) or you can e-mail the person who is leading the study (Laura Sheard - laura.sheard@york.ac.uk) for more information or if there is anything that is unclear. You can also contact the team via Twitter @Qual_P or via the project website www.qual-p.org/contact-us. Take time to decide whether or not you would like to take part.

The purpose of the study

We are interested in your views about the quality of the healthcare you received when you were recently in prison. We mainly want to know about what you thought was good and what you thought was bad when you received healthcare in prison. We're interested in whether and how people feel their health needs have been met (or not) when in prison. We want to know what you think can be done to improve prison healthcare.

Why have I been invited?

You have been approached because you have been in prison recently and we are seeking the views of people like yourself. Taking part in the study is voluntary and if you decide not to take part this will not affect your use of services or future healthcare use in any way.

What is involved?

A date and time for the interview to take place will be arranged between yourself and the researcher. You and the researcher will also decide the best way to conduct the interview (e.g. face-to-face, by telephone, video call or another way). The interview is likely to last around 45 minutes. The interview is like having a conversation with the researcher, but we will be talking about your views of prison healthcare. The conversation will be recorded on a digital tape recorder so that there is an exact record. If you have a face-to-face interview, you will be asked to sign a consent form and given a copy of this to keep. If you have a telephone or video interview, you will receive an electronic copy of the consent form. Before starting the interview, the researcher will ask you to say "I agree" to each of the statements on the consent form. This part of the recording will be kept separate from the interview recording.

Everything discussed is confidential; you do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to answer. However, the researchers have a professional duty of care that they must meet. This means that there a few occasions where we would need to

inform someone senior outside of the research team about an issue talked about during the interview. This would happen if:

- you were to tell the researcher that you intended to significantly harm yourself or another person
- you tell the researcher about severe clinical harm that happened to you in the past within prison healthcare which you did not report at the time at the authorities
- you tell the researcher about an illegal act that you have not been prosecuted for

If you change your mind about being part of the study *after* the interview you can withdraw your information as long as it has not already been analysed. You do not have to give us a reason for changing your mind.

How will I benefit from being involved in these interviews?

You will not benefit directly but you will help us to better understand the topic we are investigating. You may find it interesting to discuss your opinions with the researcher.

What will happen to the information I give?

The recording of the interview will be typed up and the recording will be deleted at the end of the study. The typed up version of the interview will have all names and identifying features changed so that you cannot be identified. We may use quotations in our final report to our funders (National Institute for Health Research) or in articles for academic and professional journals. If we do use anything that you have said it will be made anonymous so that you cannot be identified. Information will be stored securely at the University of Leeds and destroyed 5 years after the study has ended. This allows time to answer any questions that might arise about the way the study was conducted or what it found. University of Leeds is the sponsor and data controller for this study. Research records may be looked at to check the accuracy of the research study. The only people at the University of Leeds who will have

access to information that could identify you will be people who need to audit the data collection process and limited members of the research team.

The researcher (Sue) will provide you with another leaflet explaining how the university uses data and what rights you have under the Data Protection Act 2018.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed and given a favourable opinion by University of Leeds School of Medicine Research Ethics Committee (SoMREC) on 17 July 2019 (ref. no. 18-093) and by Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) on 24 December 2019 (ref. no. 2019-383).

What if something goes wrong?

It is very unlikely that any harm should come to you as a result of taking part in the interview. However, if you have any concerns about the way you have been approached or treated during this study, you can contact the Principal Investigator of the study: Dr Laura Sheard. E-mail: laura.sheard@york.ac.uk

Thank you for reading this information.

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