



Participant Information Sheet (Staff interviews)

Improving the quality of prison healthcare

Invitation

We are conducting research to understand what prison healthcare staff 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. You can contact Sue Bellass who is the researcher on the study (s.bellass@leeds.ac.uk) or 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 hearing about the views of prison healthcare staff regarding the quality of prison healthcare. We would like to find out about factors that make it easy or hard to provide high quality care in prisons. We are particularly interested in indicators used to measure the quality of healthcare in prisons. Lastly, we want to know how you think the quality of care can be improved.

Why have I been invited?

You have been approached because you are a healthcare professional working within the prison healthcare environment and we are seeking the views of people like yourself.

What is involved?

A convenient 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 between 30 and 45 minutes. The interview is like having a conversation with the researcher, but we will talk about your thoughts on the quality of prison healthcare. The discussion will be recorded on a digital audio recorder so that there is an accurate record. Everything discussed is confidential; you do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to answer. 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 strictly 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 are 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 to a patient that you witnessed or were involved in within prison healthcare (over and above what could be considered general poor quality care), which you did not report at the time at the authorities

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 erased at the end of the study. The typed transcript of the interview will have all names and identifying features/ contexts changed to maintain confidentiality. We may use quotations in our final report to our funder (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 Services (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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