

## **Participant Information Sheet**

### **Research title: Making sense of evidence in management decisions – the role of research-based knowledge on innovation adoption and implementation in healthcare**

You are being invited 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 time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish.

First we tell you about the purpose of this study and what will happen to you if you take part. We then go on to give you more detailed information about the conduct of the study.

Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

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

### **What is the purpose of the study?**

The Centre for Infection Prevention and Management, Imperial College London, has been commissioned by the National Institute for Health Research, Service Delivery and Organisation (NIHR/SDO) to carry out this research. The duration of the study is two years. The research will take the form of individual case studies for each participating trust. The study is an NHS multi-site research project involving 9 NHS Trusts across England. The trusts have been selected to provide a broad spectrum of trust types as defined by size, geographic location and organisational structure. Our sample includes AHSCs, PFI trusts, district general hospitals and teaching hospitals.

We invite you to participate in the study by being interviewed by a member of our research team. The main aim of the project is to investigate the use of research-based knowledge in healthcare management decisions. We focus on decisions in relation to the prevention and management of Healthcare Acquired Infections (HCAI). The interview will explore your role and your views on

- (a) How decisions are made in your unit and trust
- (b) The use of 'evidence to make such decisions
- (c) The different types and sources of 'evidence' available to professionals

## **Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen because of your professional role within the NHS Trust and your involvement in the decision making and/or implementation of innovative technologies to fight Health Care Associated Infections in your trust. In our qualitative interviews we aim to capture a broad range of perspectives and experiences, including senior, middle level and operational managers as well as representatives from different professional groups.

## **Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

## **What will happen to me if I take part?**

We invite you to participate in the study by being interviewed by a member of our research team. The interview will be semi-structured in nature and will take approximately 45-60 minutes. We may invite you to give your views at a later date in follow up as the study progresses. The overall research study will last two years: it is planned to commence in November 2010 and be completed in October 2012. Being a participant in this study we would like to explore your perceptions and your views.

## **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

The potential for benefit to you as a research participant in the study is the opportunity to reflect on practices and also ask the researcher of any questions which you feel relevant. In addition, there is an opportunity to share views in a confidential setting. Whilst there may not be other short-term direct benefits to you as a participant, in the longer term, the findings of the study will contribute to a better understanding of healthcare manager's (and professionals in general) needs on the use of research based knowledge in decision making and ultimately will also contribute to improving care and performance of the trust and improved patient care.

## **What if something goes wrong?**

If you are harmed by taking part in this research project, there are no special compensation arrangements. If you are harmed due to someone's negligence, then you may have grounds for a legal action. Regardless of this, if you wish to complain, or have any concerns about any aspect of the way you have been treated during the course of this study then you should immediately inform the Investigator (Insert name and contact details). The normal National Health Service complaint mechanisms are also available to you. If you are still not satisfied with the response, you may contact the Imperial College Joint Research Office.

## **Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

All information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. Any information about you which leaves the hospital will have your name and address removed so that you cannot be recognised from it.

## **What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The findings of this study will be summarised in a report which will be submitted to NIHR/SDO and will be further disseminated to operational staff within the NHS and the participating Trusts. The data is also aimed to form research material for future academic publications in scholarly peer-reviewed journals. Findings of the study may also be presented in academic and practitioner conferences and events both in the UK and abroad.

## **Who is organising and funding the research?**

The Centre for Infection Prevention and Management, Imperial College London has been commissioned by the National Institute for Health Research, Service Delivery and Organisation (NIHR/SDO) to carry out this research.

## **Who has reviewed the study?**

This study was given a favourable ethical opinion for conduct in the NHS by North London REC 1 (Ref: 10/H0717/95)

We require your consent before we proceed (form attached).

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any questions you may have about the project or this interview.

Dr Yiannis Kyratsis

Research Fellow  
Co- Principal Investigator  
Centre for Infection Prevention and Management  
Department of Infectious Disease and Immunity  
Faculty of Medicine  
Imperial College London  
T: +44(0)20 838 33277  
Email: [y.kyratsis@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:y.kyratsis@imperial.ac.uk)