

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to inform you of a study taking place in the Cardiology Department.

You do not have to take part in this study.

A researcher from the Institute of Health and Society, Newcastle University is interested in the interaction between patients and clinical staff when discussing treatment options. It may be that the researcher is present at your clinic appointment to observe the discussion that you have. To carry out the research, the researcher would like to audio record the conversation.

If you **do not want** your clinic appointment to be audio recorded, or if you would prefer that the researcher is not present during your appointment please tell a member of the clinical team when you arrive or complete the form below and return it to reception on arrival for your appointment. **If you decide not to take part, it will have no effect on the care that you receive.**

If you are happy to take part in the study, then you don't need to do anything. The doctor seeing you will tell you if the researcher is present at your appointment.

All data collected will be strictly confidential. The information will be used to understand and improve the information and support available to patients and staff for decision making.

If you would like any further information about the study or if you have any questions please contact the researcher:

Yours faithfully,

