

Occupational Therapist Information Sheet Interviews with Occupational Therapists as part of the OTIS study

Invitation to take part in an interview

You have already kindly agreed to take part in the OTIS study which is evaluating an occupational therapy intervention to help reduce falls in older people.

As part of this study, we are now inviting you to take part in an interview to discuss your experience of delivering the occupational therapy home environment hazard assessment intervention and implementation of this intervention into a falls prevention service. The University of York is working with researchers at Newcastle University to carry out these interviews.

Before you decide whether or not to take part it is important to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read this information sheet carefully. If there is anything you wish to discuss in more detail or that is unclear please contact us.

Why am I being invited to take part?

We are inviting you to participate because you are delivering the Occupational Therapy intervention for falls prevention to older adults who are taking part in the OTIS study.

We want to talk to a variety of Occupational Therapists from the study. We hope to interview approximately 15 Occupational Therapists who are taking part in the study.

Why is it important to know what occupational therapists think about the home environment hazard assessment for older adults?

We would like to find out your views and opinions about the intervention and

possible facilitators and barriers to its implementation. We are also interested in finding out about any problems you may have encountered, and things you think help in the delivery of the intervention.

What will I need to do if I take part?

If you are happy to take part, you will need to give about one hour of your time. A researcher will contact you to arrange a date and time to suit you.

The researcher and yourself will agree a place where you can be interviewed which could be at your place of work, by telephone or at the University of York, if that is best for you.

There are no right and wrong answers to any questions we will ask in these interviews. We just want to find out about your thoughts and experience of delivering the intervention to older adults and possible issues around large scale implementation of the intervention.

The interviews will be recorded using a digital voice recorder so that we can keep an accurate record of everything you say. The recording of the interview will be copied to a secure University of York or Newcastle University computer. The interview will then be typed-up by a secretary.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The results of the study may help us better understand how the Occupational Therapy intervention can be delivered to people over the age of 65. It will also give us a better understanding of how it could be implemented within the NHS.

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?

If you take part in the interview, you will need to give roughly one hour of your time

What if something goes wrong?

While we anticipate that no harm or distress will occur to anyone as a result of this study it is important to state that there are no special compensation arrangements. If you are harmed due to someone's negligence, then you may have grounds for legal action but you may have to pay for it. Regardless of this, if you wish to complain, or have any concerns about any aspect of the way you have been approached or treated during the course of this study, the normal National Health Service complaints mechanisms are available to you.

Do I have to take part?

It is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to take part. Participation in the study is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you will be asked to sign a consent form.

What happens when the interviews finish?

When the interviews finish, we will write up the information and publish it in journals that will be read by health professionals and researchers. We may also present the findings at conferences, anonymised excerpts from the interview may be used as part of the presentation. We will look at the results of the interviews together with the results of the main study. We will be happy to give you a summary of the results.

If I take part, will all the information be kept confidential?

Any information you provide us with will be treated in confidence, only the research team at the University of York and Newcastle University will know that you have taken part in the interview. This information will be stored securely at the University of York and Newcastle University

in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018. A copy of the recording of your interview will be transferred by the researchers at Newcastle University to the researchers at the University of York. They will use a University approved method to transfer the information.

Your name will not be written on the transcripts. You will be anonymous in any written reports of the research. We may use written quotations from the interviews in presentations and teaching. All recordings will be stored securely for a period of 5 years after the study is finished; then it will be destroyed.

Researchers working at the University of York, York Trials Unit and at Newcastle University may have access to your details. If you withdraw from the study at any time, the information you have already provided will be used in anonymous form for the purposes of the study, unless you inform us otherwise.

Who is organising and funding the study?

This study is being organised by researchers at the University of York in collaboration with the University of Newcastle. The research has been funded by the Department of Health, National Institute of Health Research Health Technology Assessment programme.

The University of York is the Sponsor for this study based in the United Kingdom. We will be using information from you in order to undertake this study and they will act as the data controller for this study. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. The University of York will keep identifiable information about you for 5 years after the study has finished.

Your rights to access, change or move your information are limited, as we need to manage your information in specific ways in order for the research to be reliable and

accurate. If you withdraw from the study, we will keep the information about you that we have already obtained. To safeguard your rights, we will use the minimum personally-identifiable information possible.

You can find out more about how we use your information at <https://www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/>.

Who has reviewed and checked the study?

All research in the NHS is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee to protect your safety, rights, wellbeing and dignity. This research has been reviewed and approved by the West of Scotland Research Ethics Committee.

What do I do now?

If you would like to take part

The qualitative researcher will contact you via email in the next few days to ask if you would like to take part in the study. If you agree, they will then arrange to meet with you. The researcher can give you more information if you need it and will be happy to answer any of your questions.

If you do not want to take part

If you do not want to take part please email the qualitative researcher to let them know.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

If you have any questions about the study please contact us.

Contact details:-

Researcher: <insert name>

Tel: <insert telephone no.>. **Email:** <insert email address>

Address: <insert address>