

Trial of welfare advice for older general practice patients (the Do-Well study)

Information about the research for other household members in the qualitative study

We would like your help

A member of your household is already taking part in a research study about welfare benefits and health. We would like to hear your views about this new way of providing welfare rights advice services for people of retirement age.

What does this involve?

Mainly, we need you to give up a little of your time. You will be asked some questions about your views on the new service and any difference that it has made to you and/or members of your family. This will probably take about an hour.

What about confidentiality?

All the information we collect will be kept in complete confidence. Your name will never be passed to any third party. No names will appear on any reports and no one will be able to identify you in any reports or other publications.

What are the benefits of taking part?

Your views will help us with the design of future services, and ensure that this takes account of service users

How is the research funded?

The research has been funded by the Government's National Institute of Health Research.

Has the research been approved?

The research has the support of your GP, other doctors in the area (through the Primary Care Trust), social services departments throughout

the North East, and NRES Committee South West - Exeter Research Ethics Committee.

What if I decide that I do not want to be involved in the study anymore?

Your participation is completely voluntary and you are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason, prior to the analysis/publication of the results. If you decide at a later date that you do not want the information given at the interview to be used in the study, then please contact the researchers at the number below and we will ensure that this is not used. This can be undertaken up to the analysis/publication of the results of the study.

Is there anyone I can talk to about this further?

Yes. You can telephone one of the researchers from Newcastle University who is working on this study, on

What should I do now?

Please think about the information you have just read and decide whether or not you wish to take part. If you decide you do not wish to take part, please inform the researcher at the time of the interview.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.