Participant information sheet for staff interviews and observations

Invitation to staff to take part in an independent study 'Impact of patient experience data on acute NHS hospital trusts'

We would like to invite you to participate in an interview and/or observational research about your views, experiences and routine practices related to the collection, analysis and use of patient experience data at your hospital.

What is the study about?

We are carrying out an independent study of the way in which NHS acute Trusts in England use patient experience data to identify and implement improvements in healthcare quality. In particular, we want to hear about how patient experience data is organized and managed in your Trust; what kind of data are collected and what tools are used to gather, analyse and report them; what kind of "journeys" patient experience data make after they are collected and how they are turned into concrete improvements; what your opinions about the potential of patient experience data are and how you think their collection, analysis and implementation could be improved.

With your help, our study will contribute to improving patient, carer and staff experience of hospital care by generating practical recommendations on how to optimise organisational strategies and practices for the collection, validation, and use of patient experience data.

What would my taking part involve?

In order to keep any disruption to work on the ward to a minimum we are likely to use a mix of one-to-one, paired or group interviews. We will check with you first which of those settings you are happy to be interviewed and/or observed in. If you decide to take part we will arrange an interview or observation times with you at a time convenient to you. The interview will take up to 90 minutes, depending on the number of interviewees and the time you have available. With your permission, we would like to audio record the interview.

Our interviews will cover topics such as:

- your experience with patient experience data;

- the current organizational practices related to patient experience data collection, analysis and use in your ward/Trust;
- your views on its usefulness and what you think is hindering or helping the implementation of improvements based on these data;
- Your views on how the staff and general public are involved in the communication and the implementation of patient experience data.

Staff with particular responsibilities for patient experience data work will also be invited to take part in observational research of routine practice. This will be a researcher 'shadowing' you, intermittently, for under 3 hours during your work day. The researcher will take notes of what s/he has observed. We will take care to arrange for observation to be at times and time periods convenient and comfortable for you and in a way that minimise interruptions to your work. For those staff who are specialists in patient experience data management we might request a further observation of different routine practices as the study progresses. Our total observation time with any one member of staff will not exceed 12 hours in total.

Our observations of practice will help us to understand how you collect, organise, discuss and disseminate patient experience data, and the sorts of effects that patient experience data has on your work and work decisions.

Your participation in the study is entirely voluntary. You can decide to participate in only one part of the study (interview or observation). You might also decide to participate in only one period of observation of routine practice. If you decide later (even during the interview or observation itself) that you do not wish to continue, then you are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. With your permission, if you withdraw from the study, or if anything happens to you which means you are no longer able to give informed consent, we would like to continue to use any information you have given us up to that time. You can eventually contact us up to January 2018 to request we don't use the information you will provide during the interview or the observations.

It is likely that other staff will know if you take part in an interview or observations. However, everything you say will be treated as confidential unless you tell us something that indicates that you or someone else is at risk of harm. We would discuss this with you before telling anyone else. If you are interviewed or observed with other members of staff we will request that you respect confidentiality for each other.

We will anonymise all data. This means that if we use extracts from the interview or observation notes in any presentations or publications, we will not use your name, and we will do all we can to ensure neither you nor the Trust you work for can be identified.

In accordance with King's College London's policy, on completion of the study all the information you have shared with us will be stored in a password-protected archive file on a secure King's College London drive for up to 7 years and will be accessible only to members of our research team. After 7 years, all the data we have collected from you will be destroyed.

Taking part in the study may not help you directly. But we hope to learn from your experience to make recommendations on how to how to optimise organisational strategies and practices for the collection, analysis, and use of patient experience data, including the effects on staff and what support they may need to implement meaningful change.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The study is funded by the National Institute for Health Research's Health Service and Delivery Research programme (Study ID 14/156/08), and is led by Dr Sara Donetto and Professor Glenn Robert, King's College London.

The study has been approved by the London - London Bridge Research Ethics Committee, and the Health Research Authority.

Further information and contact details

If you would like further information or to discuss this study please contact the researcher [insert name and contact details of researcher at this site]:

If you are unhappy about any aspect of the study you are invited to contact the Principal Investigator Professor Glenn Robert, Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing & Midwifery, King's College London,

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