

DCE Participant Information Leaflet



Introduction

You are invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide, you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Talk to others about the study if you wish.

(Part 1 tells you the purpose of the study and what will happen to you if you take part. Part 2 gives you more detailed information about the conduct of the study)

Please email 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.

1. PART 1

What is the study about?

We are interested in trying to understand people's preferences for different parental support programmes that are designed to support parents whose children are at risk of poor outcomes.

We know that different programmes provide different benefits to both parents and children, and we are interested in trying to understand which of those possible benefits people consider to be more important. This will hopefully help us in the future to design programmes that fit closer to what the families using them would like.

Do I have to take part?

It is entirely up to you to decide. This information sheet describes the study in more detail. If you choose to participate, by completing the online survey, you are giving your consent for the information that you have supplied to be used in this study. You will be free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason and this will not affect you or your circumstances in any way.

Under no circumstances will your personal details be passed to the University of Warwick by Fieldwork International. All participation will remain completely anonymous and the data provided will not be traceable to you in any way.

What will happen to me if I take part?

If you take part you will complete an online survey. This will require you to read some background information about parental support programmes and their potential outcomes, prior to completing the survey.

What are the possible disadvantages, side effects, risks, and/or discomforts of taking part in this study?

The survey is about peoples' preferences for the potential outcomes of parental support programmes, regardless of whether or not they have children. The survey does not include any questions about your own personal experiences.

What are the possible benefits of taking part in this study?

Participating in the study will provide us with information on peoples' views to help us shape how health and social services to parents are developed in the future.

Expenses and payments

If you complete the survey you will receive an incentive to the value of £1 which you can redeem in vouchers from your panel account.

What will happen when the study ends?

At the end of the study Fieldwork International will provide the data from the completed questionnaires to the researcher at the University of Warwick for analysis.

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

Yes. We will follow strict ethical and legal practice and all information about you will be handled in confidence. Further details are included in Part 2.

What if there is a problem?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm that you might suffer (although we do not anticipate any harms) will be addressed. Detailed information is given in Part 2.

This concludes Part 1.

If the information in Part 1 has interested you and you are considering participation, please read the additional information in Part 2 before making any decision.

PART 2

Who is organising and funding the study?

This study has been organised by Stavros Petrou, a health economist based at the University of Warwick. His research is funded by the NHS National Institute for Health Research Public Health Programme.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on being part of the study?

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. Refusal to participate will not affect you in any way. By completing the online questionnaire/survey, you are giving your consent for the information that you have supplied to be used in this study.

If you agree to participate, you may nevertheless withdraw from the study at any time without affecting you in any way. You can cease to complete the questionnaire at any time.

You have the right to withdraw from the study completely.

Regardless of whether you participate in the study or not, you will not be contacted by any of the study staff.

What if there is a problem?

This study is covered by the University of Warwick's insurance and indemnity cover. If you have an issue, please contact the Chief Investigator of the study:

Stavros Petrou – s.petrou@warwick.ac.uk

Who should I contact if I wish to make a complaint?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm you might have suffered (although we do not anticipate any harms) will be addressed. Please address your complaint to the person below, who is a senior University of Warwick official entirely independent of this study:

Director of Delivery Assurance

Registrar's Office

University House

University of Warwick

Coventry

CV4 8UW

Complaints@Warwick.ac.uk

024 7657 4774

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

The survey will be administered by Fieldwork International and only the answers to the questions you complete in the questionnaire will be provided to the researcher at the University of Warwick for analysis. None of responses given in the questionnaire can lead to you being identified personally.

Once supplied to the researcher at the University of Warwick the data will be stored securely on the University's server and analysed on an encrypted computer. Other researchers who are part of the research consortium will be allowed to access the data if requested.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results will be discussed within the research team (the researchers working on the development of new parental support programmes) and submitted to a journal for publication and the results may be discussed at conferences.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the University of Warwick's Biomedical and Scientific Research Ethics Committee (BSREC): **REGO-2016-1769**.

What if I want more information about the study?

If you have any questions about any aspect of the study, or your participation in it, not answered by this participant information leaflet, please contact:

Prof Stavros Petrou, s.petrou@warwick.ac.uk, tel: 02476 151124

Thank you for taking the time to read this participant information leaflet.