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### **Experience of unwell children needing a short stay in hospital (less than 24hrs)? We would like to talk with you.**

We would like to invite you to participate in a research project. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read this following information carefully and to discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

### **What is the purpose of the research?**

The aim of this study is to understand why children are admitted to hospital. To achieve this aim we are using both quantitative and qualitative methods. We are keen to talk to clinicians or practitioners who refer and receive acute paediatric medical cases, so that we can gain a clinician's perspective on why children are admitted to hospital.

### **Why have I been chosen?**

We have approached you about this study because you are a clinician or practitioner who is involved in acute paediatric admissions to hospital.

### **Do I have to take part?**

No, it is up to you to decide whether or not to take part.

### **What happens if I take part?**

You will take part in a short (about 10 minute) telephone interview where a researcher will ask questions about the decision making which leads to a child being admitted to hospital or discharged home.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

There will be no direct personal benefit in taking part in this study. However, we hope that your views will be useful in improving the care of children in future.

### **What are the possible risks of taking part?**

There are no risks.

### **Will participation in the study be kept confidential?**

Yes. We will keep your personal information, such as your name and telephone number, confidential. We will record the interview so that we can then transcribe and analyse it. We might quote something you said in project publications but we will make sure you cannot be identified. Your comments will not be linked to your name, workplace name or other personal information and will be stored securely. All data will be managed in line with current data protection guidelines.

The University of Aberdeen 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 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 Aberdeen will keep identifiable information about you for 10 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.

Your local NHS board will keep your name, and contact details confidential and will not pass this information to University for Aberdeen. Your NHS board will use this information as needed, to contact you about the research study, and make sure that relevant information about the study is recorded for your care, and to oversee the quality of the study. Certain individuals from University of Aberdeen and regulatory organisations may look at your research records to check the accuracy of the research study. The University of Aberdeen will only receive information without any identifying information. The people who analyse the information will not be able to identify you and will not be able to find out your name, or contact details. Your local NHS board will not keep identifiable information about you from this after the study has finished.

You can find out more about how we use your information at <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/privacy>

### **Who has reviewed this study?**

The study has been reviewed by the North of Scotland Research Ethics Committee and also specialists in the field.

### **What if I want to complain?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this project, you should ask to speak to the researchers first on 01786-466277. If you are still unhappy and wish to complain formally, you can do this by contacting Professor Jayne Donaldson, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport, University of Stirling on 01786-466340 or [jayne.donaldson@stir.ac.uk](mailto:jayne.donaldson@stir.ac.uk).

You have the right to lodge a complaint against the University of Stirling regarding data protection issues with the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>).

The University's Data Protection Officer is Joanna Morrow, Deputy Secretary. If you have any questions relating to data protection these can be sent to [data.protection@stir.ac.uk](mailto:data.protection@stir.ac.uk).

### **What do I do now?**

If you are interested in taking part, please contact the researcher Dr Emma King at the University of Stirling on 01786-466277. Email [flamingo@stir.ac.uk](mailto:flamingo@stir.ac.uk)

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