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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 ask you to take part in a research project. This information sheet tells you why we are doing the research and what will be in it. Take time to decide if you want to take part. Talk to your parent or carer. Ask Emma France (01786-466421, emma.france@stir.ac.uk) if you would like more information or if you have anything you would like to ask. Thank you for reading this.

### **What is the research about?**

We want to understand why children and young people go into hospital. We are talking to young people and their parents or carers about what it was like being admitted to hospital.

### **Who can take part?**

Children and young people who have been in hospital with an illness such as chest infection for a stay of less than 24 hours. Their parents or carers can take part too.

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

No. If you agree to take part you can stop taking part at any time you want.

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

A researcher will ask you and your parent or carer questions about what it was like when you went into hospital. We will record your interview, type everything you said, then read it carefully. We will not tell anyone the names of the people who take part.

### **What happens to my comments?**

We might repeat (quote) something you said in a report or presentation. No-one will know what you said. We will not tell anyone your name, address or any other personal information about you. We will store all your information securely.

### **What will I get out of taking part?**

You will not get anything for yourself. The information you give us could improve the care of children and young people in the future.

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

There are no risks.

**Who has checked over the details of this project?**

A group of people called The North of Scotland Research Ethics Committee who have been specially trained in how to make sure that research is done properly have reviewed this project.

**What if I want to complain?**

Please tell your parent or carer if you have a complaint about the research. They can contact us or 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).

**What do I do if I want to take part?**

If you want to take part, please tell your parent or carer and ask them to contact Dr Emma France. We also need your parent or carer's permission before you can take part.

**If you have any questions** about the project please contact Dr Emma France. Telephone 01786-466421. Email: [emma.france@stir.ac.uk](mailto:emma.france@stir.ac.uk) or Dr Emma King, telephone 01786-466277, [emma.king@stir.ac.uk](mailto:emma.king@stir.ac.uk). Or email us on [flamingo@stir.ac.uk](mailto:flamingo@stir.ac.uk).