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Information Sheet for Teachers

Assessing the impact of children with ADHD on the health and well-being of families.

We would like to invite you 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 time to read the following information carefully.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to understand how living with a child who has ADHD affects their family's health and well-being.

Why have I been chosen?

We are running this study in a number of locations across the UK. You have been chosen as you have been nominated by a parent of one of your students. The child and their family have given their informed consent for their data to be used in this study, and have given their permission for you to share information regarding them.

What will be involved if I agree to take part in the study?

You will be asked to complete a short questionnaire regarding various aspects of your student's behaviour. The questionnaire should take about 5 minutes. When you have completed the questionnaire please return it using the stamped addressed envelope provided, along with the consent form.

Do we have to take part?

No, you do not have to take part. If you don't want to, you do not need to do anything.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There will be no direct benefit to you, or the student and their family in taking part in the study. However, the results of the study may help research into ADHD and the impact this condition has upon families.

What are the possible risks of taking part?

There are no risks for you or the family in taking part in the study. The student's treatment and care at the ADHD clinic will not be affected whether you take part in the study or not.

Is the study confidential?

The information collected in the study will be kept completely confidential. Any information about you or the student will not be stored with your name or address so that you cannot be recognised.

Who will have access to the data and where will it be held?

The data will be sent to the University of Sheffield where it will be stored in a secure area and also kept as a password-protected computer file, both of which can only be accessed by the research team and regulatory authorities. Any personal details will be kept separately to your questionnaire responses and linked only by a research study number.

An anonymous (with any details that might identify you removed) computer file will be retained and made available to other researchers for use in future studies. The anonymous copy of the data will also be retained by the funders, Shire Pharmaceuticals, and may be used in further research studies.

What if I change my mind?

You may change your mind at any point.

What will happen to the results of this study?

The results of this study will be used to help understand the impact on health and well-being of living with a child with ADHD. This may provide useful information to health researchers in the future when considering the possible benefits of treatments for ADHD. The results will be presented both nationally and internationally.

Who is funding the study?

This study is being funded by Shire, who is a global pharmaceutical company that makes some treatments for ADHD. This study is not about their products. The study is being run independently by the University of Sheffield.

Has the study been approved?

Yes. The study has been reviewed by Sheffield Research Ethics Committee. The Research Ethics Committee is completely independent from anyone organising the study.

What if there is a problem?

If you have any problems or are worried about anything to do with this study, you should ask to speak to the research nurse who will do their best to answer your questions (contact number – research nurse number to be assigned). Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm you might suffer will be addressed. If you wish to complain formally, you can do this by contacting the Chief Investigator for the study:

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Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions about the study or would like any further information, please feel free to ask THE RESEARCH NURSE who can be contacted on LOCAL NUMBER.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.