Improving the Detection, Assessment, Management, and Prevention of Delirium in Hospices

Participant information sheet

Invitation to take part

We would like to invite you to take part in this study. Before you decide whether to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. We have devised this information sheet to explain why the study is being done, what you will be asked to do, and why we are inviting you to take part. Please take the time to read the following information. Talk to others about the study if you wish. Please contact us if there is anything that is not clear or if you require further information.

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If you require further information about this study you can contact one of the following:
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What is the purpose of this study?

The overall aim of this study is to improve detection, assessment, management, and prevention of delirium in hospices. Whilst hospice staff are aware of the importance of identifying, preventing and managing delirium, in practice, best practice guidelines are not always easy to adopt, and there is significant variation in whether these are used or not. Implementation of delirium guidelines therefore requires a flexible strategy that works for individual hospice units.

We want to co-adapt an existing implementation strategy that has been tested in acute hospital wards – Creating Learning Environments for Compassionate Care (CLECC) to suit the implementation challenges in hospices. The CLECC strategy has been found to foster the mutual support, learning and good ideas that enable all team members to put their expertise into routine practice.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part because you are a hospice member of staff or volunteer in a hospice that has agreed to take part in this study.

We would like to interview you to hear your opinions and/or experiences of delirium care in this hospice and the implementation of CLECC.

We value your opinions regardless of whether you were involved with the CLECC implementation strategy.

Do I have to take part?

No, taking part is entirely voluntary, and if you decide not to participate there will be no negative consequences. You have the right to stop the interview or withdraw from the study at any time without having to give a reason.

What do I need to do to if I take part?

We shall arrange a one-to-one interview with the study researcher. Depending on the current Covid-19 situation this is likely to be by video (Teams/Zoom) at a time convenient to you, but could be face-to-face if circumstances allow. The interview will be approximately 30 minutes, this can be longer or shorter should you wish. If you do decide to participate you will be asked to indicate this by signing a consent form. The interview will be audio recorded.

It is important to note that you are free to leave the study at any time, even after it has started, without giving a reason.

Will taking part in this study cost me anything, and will I be paid?

Taking part in this study will not cost you any money. The interviews will be undertaken at a time convenient to you. You will not be paid or receive any other form of remuneration for your participation in this study.

Will my involvement be confidential?

The information you provide will be treated confidentially. The exception to this is if, during the interview, you report any events that are not in accordance with the terms of an individual's professional registration. In this case, if necessary, standard procedure for reporting concerns at the hospice will be followed.

Access to the anonymised transcript from your interview will be given to authorised members of the study team for analysis. The actual recording will be destroyed once we have the anonymised transcript. Your data will be stored securely and in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and the Data Protection Act 2018.

In any report on the results of this study your interview responses will remain anonymous. This will be achieved by not revealing your name and by disguising any interview details which may reveal your identity or the identity of people you speak about. Anonymous extracts from your interview may be quoted in reports, published papers or conference presentations.

What will happen to the findings of this study?

All of the information gathered in this study will be analysed and shared publicly in an anonymised form. A full report will be prepared for the funder (Yorkshire Cancer Research) and a manuscript reporting the findings submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. The study's findings will be submitted for presentation at relevant professional conferences.

In addition, a plain English summary of study findings will be prepared for distribution through palliative care clinical networks (including Hospice UK) and Public Involvement groups and be made available on the Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre's website.

Anonymised data that you provide may be used by authorised researchers studying other relevant research projects. Please do let us know if you do not agree to this.

Thank you for taking the time to read this leaflet.