Employer Information Sheet
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IRAS Project ID: 292227

Title of Study: **Development of a return-to-work intervention for COVID-19 patients.**

Name of Chief Investigator: Professor Richard Morriss

An employee participating in a research aiming to develop an intervention for those with long COVID who are struggling to return to work would like to consider your involvement. Here is an overview of the research and what it would involve for you.

What is the purpose of the study?

COVID-19 is an infectious disease targeting the respiratory system with some patients struggling to return to their normal life after recovery because of a post-COVID-19 syndrome (also called long COVID) that is not resolving after several months. Notably, these patients are struggling to return to work as they feel they may still be ill. The aim of the study is to assess the effectiveness of an intervention delivered remotely by an occupational therapist (specialised in vocational rehabilitation) before testing it on a larger scale.

What would your involvement be?

You would attend one or more remotely delivered one-hour sessions with the employee and the occupational therapist to discuss how you may be able to support the return to work (e.g., by providing a different seat, allowing flexible hours, reasonable adjustments). You would also be provided with useful information like advice written specifically for employers by a charity such as Headway.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form – you will be given a copy of the signed consent form.

How will we use information about you?

We will need to use information from you for this research project. This information will include your:

- Organisation's name
- Employer representative's name and role
- Contact details.
- People will use this information to do the research or to check your records to make sure that the research is being done properly.
- This is the same information that we would collect about the participant's GP and we will use the data as any therapist would, to communicate with you. Your involvement in the intervention will

be kept confidential and we will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study. We will keep all information about you safe and secure.

- Once we have finished the study, your data will be deleted.

What are your choices about how your information is used?

- You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, but we will keep information about you that we already have.
- We need to manage your records in specific ways for the research to be reliable. This means that we won't be able to let you see or change the data we hold about you.

Where can you find out more about how your information is used?

You can find out more about how we use your information

- at www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/
- by asking one of the research team
- the University of Nottingham privacy webpage: https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/utilities/privacy/privacy.aspx

I agree to be contacted by study the Occupational Therapist to discuss and to participate in the intervention.	Please initial box ☐
This is the phone number I wish to be contacted on:	
This is my email address so I can be sent information:	
This is the organisation I represent:	
This is my role within the organisation:	

Name (Block Letters)	*Date*	*Signature*

2 Copies: 1 for the signee, 1 for the medical notes

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