

## **Healthcare Practitioner Short Participant Information Sheet**

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IRAS Project ID: 325423

Title of Study: VOICE2 Evaluation

Name of Chief Investigator: Professor Rowan Harwood

Local Researcher(s):

### **What is this study about?**

We want to understand whether a dementia communication skills training course for ward staff does improve staff's knowledge and confidence and patient care.

### **What does taking part involve?**

You will attend the one-day VOICE2 dementia communication skills training course with other members of ward staff like yourself. The course will be taught by clinical educators working at your hospital trust.

- You will complete online questionnaires and tests before attending the course, immediately after the course and again 3 months after the course. The link to the questionnaires will be emailed to you. They will take about 30 minutes to complete at each timepoint. We will give you a £10 voucher when completing the immediately post course questionnaires and again, when you complete the 3-month questionnaires.
- We might watch you providing routine care to your patients with dementia before and after the course.
- We might ask you to attend a 30 minute interview to talk about the course and whether you found it useful. Interviews will be either by telephone, video call or in a meeting room convenient for you. All in person and telephone interviews will be audio recorded, interviews via Microsoft Teams will be video recorded, all interviews will be transcribed by an approved University of Nottingham transcriber with a duty of confidentiality.
- We may invite you to a one-hour focus group on the VOICE2 course. The focus group will be audio recorded and transcribed as above.

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

No, taking part is up to you. If you decide not to, it won't affect your employment. If you change your mind having agreed to take part, you can withdraw from the study. We will keep any information collected prior to your withdrawal.

### **What are the benefits and risks?**

- You might find the dementia communication skills course interesting, enjoyable and that it helps you to deliver better care to your patients.
- You could be helping to improve the hospital care of patients with dementia.
- You might find reflecting on caring for patients with dementia is upsetting.

### **Who has approved the study?**

- The study has been funded by the National Institute of Health Research
- It has been checked and approved by the Health and Care Research Ethics Committee Wales REC4.
- University of Nottingham is the research sponsor
- Your employer has agreed to take part and has given all the required approvals.

### **Complaints or concerns?**

If you would like to speak to someone independent from the study, or have any complaints please contact: the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences Senior Administrator, Louise Sabir; Email: [fmhs-researchethics@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:fmhs-researchethics@nottingham.ac.uk).

### **Data protection – what data will be collected about me?**

- In this study we will use information from you.
- We will only collect and use information that we need for the study.
- If you take part, we will ask you for your name and contact details so we can arrange for you to attend the course and an interview.

### **Who can see my data?**

- Only people in the study team will be able to see your name or contact details. All the information we collect from you will be stored securely (password-protected) on the University of Nottingham computer network.
- The interviews will be typed into a written format called a transcript by a member of university staff. The observations will also be typed up. Other researchers may need to check our analysis or, with your permission we may allow other researchers to use the anonymised data in research.

### **What will be done with the information?**

- Anything you tell us is confidential unless you tell us you, or someone else, is at risk of harm.

- We might use quotes from your interview or extracts from observations in reports or presentations, but we will never use your name or any details that could identify you.

### **How long will you keep my data?**

- We will store your name and contact details for up to 6-months after the study has ended, to send you a summary of what we find. We will then delete the information.
- The interview transcripts, written up observations and questionnaire information will be stored for up to 7 years after the study ends. Other researcher may need to check our findings or, with your permission we may allow other researchers to use the anonymised information in research.

### **Further information and contact details**

If you have any additional questions, please contact one of the research team. You can contact the project administrator Kasia Kowalewska who will direct you to the most appropriate person email:

katarzyna.kowalewska@[nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:katarzyna.kowalewska@nottingham.ac.uk) or the Chief Investigator Professor Rowan Harwood by phone 0115 8230873, or on email: [rowan.harwood@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:rowan.harwood@nuh.nhs.uk).

**Thank you for reading this and considering taking part in the study.**