Participant Information Sheet: Teachers

< Version 1.1/ 10-Oct-2017 / IRAS 219538>

QbTest Utility for Optimising Treatment in ADHD (QUOTA)

You have been contacted because a child you teach is taking part in a research study. As part of their participation, we would like to gather some information from you about their behaviour. The parent or guardian of the child has given permission for the school to be contacted, and for the information requested to be given. Please see enclosed consent form.

What is the purpose of the project?

Deciding whether ADHD medication is working for children can be a complicated and long procedure. A new computerised assessment has been designed to try and improve the measurement of these symptoms. This study is investigating whether this new computer task improves the way healthcare professionals give medication to manage these symptoms in children. In a couple of clinics across the UK QbTest is already part of standard practice, however, this is not the same for all clinics.

What will happen to me if I agree to take part?

At the start we shall ask you to complete two short questionnaires. One questionnaire is called SNAP-IV which measures ADHD symptoms. The other questionnaire is called the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ), which measures a range of emotional and behavioural symptoms. The questionnaires will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

You shall be asked to complete ONLY the SNAP-IV approximately 2-4 weeks later.

At 8-10 weeks later you will be asked to complete both the SNAP-IV, SDQ and a short resource use pro forma which looks the child's use of extra school resources (such as additional classroom support).

Expenses and payments

When we have received the final questionnaire at 8-10 weeks we shall compensate you for your time with £15 worth of vouchers.

What happens when the research study stops?

We will publish the findings from our study and contact you with the results if you have said you would like to be kept informed.

What if something goes wrong?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, you should ask to speak to the researchers who will do their best to answer your questions. Initially you can contact the lead researcher, Dr Charlotte Hall by email:

charlotte.hall@nottingham.ac.uk or telephone: 0115 82 32438, or you can contact Dr Maddie Groom, the chief (lead) investigator on the study team, by email: Maddie.groom@nottingham.ac.uk or by telephone: 0115 82 30267. The researchers contact details are also given at the end of this information sheet. If you remain unhappy and wish to complain formally, you can contact the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Research and Innovation office (RandIenquiries@nottshc.nhs.uk/ 0115 9691300 ex11903/11904). Or contact your local Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS): INSERT LOCAL PALS DETAILS.

Any safeguarding issues will be alerted to the responsible lead clinician and their clinical team and the Trust policy will be followed.

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

We will follow ethical and legal practice and all information about you will be handled in confidence.

The data collected for the study will be looked at by authorised persons from the University of Nottingham who are organising the research. They may also be looked at by authorised people to check that the study is being carried out correctly. All will have a duty of confidentiality to you as a research participant and we will do our best to meet this duty.

All information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept **strictly confidential**, stored in a secure and locked office, within the Institute of Mental Health, University of Nottingham, and on a password protected database. Any information about you will have your name and address removed (anonymised) and a unique code will be used so that you cannot be recognised from it.

Your personal data (address, telephone number) may be kept for up to 12 months after the end of the study if you give explicit consent for us to contact you about the findings of the study. The research data will be kept securely for 5 years. After this time your data will be disposed of securely. During this time all precautions will be taken by all those involved to maintain your confidentiality, only members of the research team will have access to your personal data.

What will happen to the results of the research project?

We will write a report about the project once it has finished (2019). All reports are written anonymously, as such your name or identifiable details will not be disclosed.

We hope that you might find the report we write interesting too, and you will be able to contact us to discuss the findings towards the end of the research. We aim to circulate the report widely and publish the findings in a medical journal. We shall provide you with a summary of the results when the study has finished.

Who is organising and funding the research?

This research is being organised by the University of Nottingham and is being funded by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB).

Who has reviewed the project?

All research in the NHS is looked at by an independent group of people called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your interests. This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion West of Scotland REC 1, Tel: 0141 232 1807, email: WoSREC1@GGC.scot.nhs.uk. The project has also been reviewed by the Health Research Authority. The Research and Innovation team within Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust have also undertaken sponsor review in accordance with Trust policies and procedures.

Contact for further information

Dr Charlotte Hall (Senior Research Fellow)
Institute of Mental Health
University of Nottingham Innovation Park , Triumph Road, Nottingham, NG7 2TU
Tel: 0115 82 32438 ; Email: charlotte.hall@nottingham.ac.uk

Dr Maddie Groom (Chief Investigator)
Institute of Mental Health
University of Nottingham Innovation Park , Triumph Road, Nottingham, NG7 2TU
Tel: 0115 82 30267 ; Email: maddie.groom@nottingham.ac.uk

Names of researchers: Dr Maddie Groom, Dr Charlotte Hall, Dr Julie Clarke, Dr Kim Selby, Dr Sue Brown, Mrs Nikki Brown, Dr Boliang Guo, Dr Kapil Sayal, Prof Chris Hollis.