

How will my information be used?

We will only use your personal information to check that any research information we send is relevant and appropriate to you. These checks will always be carried out by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust employees.

Can I change my mind?

Yes, you can change your mind at any time. Please call or email the R&D Department (details on the back page) or ask a member of a clinical care team to let us know.

Further information

For more information, please visit our website:

www.combined.nhs.uk/about-us/research-and-development/

Contact us

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PALS

To make a comment, raise a concern or complaint, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).

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CONTACT FOR RESEARCH

INFORMATION FOR SERVICE USERS

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust is a learning, teaching and research active trust.



'Contact for Research' is a way of making sure that everyone who uses our services has the choice about whether they want to receive information about research.

You are receiving this leaflet because you have agreed to being contacted about research.

It does not mean that you will have to take part in any research. It will always be up to you whether to find out more information about individual studies.

What can research involve?

There are a number of research studies taking place at North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT), looking at different conditions, therapies and treatments. Taking part in research can involve:

- completing questionnaires;
- being interviewed about your experiences;
- donating a blood or saliva sample;
- trying a new medication or therapy.

Benefits of research

- It can help us understand what treatment works and what doesn't work;
- It can help improve care;
- It can go on to help lots of people - not just in the UK, but all over the world.

What happens next?

We will send you information about studies that we believe are relevant and appropriate to you. This could be a Leaflet or a Participant Information Sheet. You can express an interest in the study by either:

- Contacting the R&D Department (please see the back page for contact details);
- Returning the reply slip, if one is provided.

If we haven't heard back from you, the R&D Department may contact you to see if you're interested in taking part.

Do I have to take part?

No, you do not have to take part in any study. Research is always voluntary and your clinical care will never be affected either way.