



Information sheet

A qualitative study to identify patients' views on the use of Patient Reported Outcome Measures in clinical practice: information for participants

We would like to invite you to be part of this research project. We are looking for patients to take part in a focus group to help us understand the good things or challenges about using patient reported outcome measures (PROMS) in osteopathy. A PROM is a type of questionnaire, for example it could ask you about different things associated with your symptoms, or how you are feeling as a result of your treatment.

The study involves taking part in an interview. We would like to learn if you have filled in a PROM-questionnaire before, whether you feel you would be happy to use them in the future, and whether or not you feel they are helpful when you come for treatment.

It will last about half an hour. The interview will be recorded. This lets us type up what you have said. It will be done without identifying you, and if we use any quotes in publications, this will be done also without identifying you. Once the audio recording has been typed up and checked to make sure it is accurate, it will be destroyed.

You should only agree to take part if you want to; it is entirely up to you. If you choose not to take part this will not affect your treatment, and you will hear no more about it.

Please read the following information carefully before you decide to take part. This will tell you why the research is being done, and what you will be asked to do if you take part. Please contact us if there is anything that is not clear, or if you would like more information.

If you decide to take part you will be asked to sign a consent form to say that you agree. You are still free to change your mind at any time and without giving a reason.

If you have any questions about the study, please contact the researcher, Carol Fawkes either by telephone (07732178308) or email (c.fawkes@qmul.ac.uk). This study has been

reviewed and approved by the Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee (QMREC2013/57), Room W117, Queen's Building, Mile End Campus, Mile End Road, London or research-ethics@qmul.ac.uk.