



Information sheet

Research study: Pilot study to investigate the feasibility of collecting patient reported outcome measurement (PROM) data in osteopathic practice using a web app or a mobile phone app: **information for participants**

We would like to invite you to be part of this research project, if you would like to. You should only agree to take part if you want to; it is entirely up to you. If you choose not to take part there won't be any disadvantages for you and you will hear no more about it. Choosing not to take part will not affect your access to treatment or services in any way.

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 ask if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. If you decide to take part your completion of the questionnaire will be taken that you have given your consent to participate.

You are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

What does the project involve?

This project is looking at how easy it is to collect information about how you feel after treatment. We are using the Internet, or a mobile phone app. We will ask you if you would like to fill in a questionnaire using one of these ways. This will happen once before you have treatment.

What will I have to do?

We will then ask you if you would like to fill in two more questionnaires. This will happen one week and then six weeks after treatment. We would like you to accept a voucher for £5 which will be able to receive your after you have filled in the final questionnaire. You will need to contact the researcher, Carol Fawkes, using the voucher form to claim your voucher.

This form will be available on the NCOR website and is attached to this information sheet.

Why are we doing this project?

We are doing this project to try and find out how you feel after treatment. This information will be looked at by researchers from the National Council for Osteopathic Research (NCOR). The information we collect will not include your name, address, or date of birth.

We hope the study will help to improve osteopathic treatment. Your information will not be made available to anyone else. We will not sell it or use it for any commercial purposes. If you complete the questionnaire, we accept you have consented to take part in this study. 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.

There is some more information on a separate sheet about the different systems used in mobile phones. This is in case you think you might like to fill in the questionnaire using your mobile phone but are not sure which type of phone you have. It is important for us to make you aware that there is an extremely low risk that your phone could be hacked. If this happened the information you provide in the questionnaire could be viewed. This could happen if your phone is stolen, for example.

If you have any questions or concerns about how this study was carried out, you should firstly contact the researcher responsible for the study, Carol Fawkes (email: c.fawkes@qmul.ac.uk, or telephone 07494059509). If this is not successful, or not appropriate, please contact the Secretary at the Queen Mary Ethics of Research Committee, Room W117, Queen's Building, Mile End Campus, Mile End Road, London or research-ethics@qmul.ac.uk.