

## Information sheet

**Study title: Understanding how brain injury affects development.**

**Researcher: Beverley Garrigan**

You are being invited to take part in our research study. I would like to talk to you about this now.

Please ask if there is anything that you do not understand or if you have any questions.

You can speak to someone about the study before you decide if you want to take part, this can be anyone you like.

### **Why have I been asked to participate?**

You have been asked to participate in the study because you are age 11 to 16 and have a brain injury.

### **What do we want to find out by doing this research study?**

This study is part of a PhD project. This study is looking at how young people with a brain injury change over time, compared to people of the same age who do not have a brain injury. We want to know more about how brain injuries affect the way people think and act. The more we know about this, the better we can help young people with a brain injury.

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

You do not have to take part in this study. If you decide to take part you can change your mind later on. If you change your mind and no longer want to take part you can stop being part of the study at any time.

## What will I have to do if I take part?

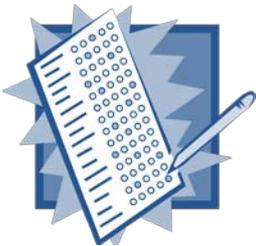


If you decide to take part you will be asked to come to two sessions. The first session will last about two hours. The second session will be two weeks later and this will only last about 45 minutes.



During these sessions you will be asked to answer some questions. There will just be you and a researcher in the room.

Some questions will look at how you think and work things out. Some questions will ask about your behaviour.



For some questions, you will write down your answers in a paper questionnaire.

For some questions, you will tell the researcher your answer and they will write your answer down.



You will also see some picture on a laptop. These pictures tell a short story and you will be asked to say what you would do in that situation.

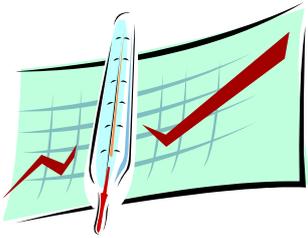


The researcher will record some of your answers using an audio recorder and will later use this recording to write down your answers. Only the research will listen to and write down your answers. The recordings will be deleted at the end of the study. Your answers will be anonymised and some of them will be sent to a research group in Canada for them to process. This group won't know your name.

One of your parents or someone who looks after you will also be asked to fill in a short questionnaire about you, which they can post back to the researcher.



Some questions will ask whether you have ever been in trouble with the police. It is important that you only answer about things you have done which the police already know about. If you tell us information about something you have done which is against the law and the police do not know about, the researcher may have to pass this information onto the police.



As part of the study, the researchers would also like to look at your NHS Trust and GP records. This is so we can find out details about your brain injury. If you agree to take part in the study you will be asked if you agree to the researchers looking at these records. You can say no. You will also be asked if the researchers can look at your NHS Trust records to check if you have done some of the tasks before. If you have done some of the tasks in the past year we can use your scores from your records.

You and your parents will be asked if it is ok for the researcher, Beverley Garrigan, to contact you about future studies as part of her PhD project. You and your parents will be asked if you agree to your contact details being kept so that we can contact you about any future studies you may be interested in being involved in. If you and your parents agree for your details to be kept on our volunteer register, you may be contacted in the future to ask if you want to be part of another study. You do not have to take part in any study if you do not want to.

### **Will I be paid?**



Yes, you will be paid £5 for your time after you have completed the study.

## Will my answers be private?



Yes, any answers you give and any information you tell us about yourself (such as your date of birth) will be kept private. All your information will be kept in a locked filing cabinet. If the researcher thinks that something you have told us means that you are at risk of harm, the researcher may have to pass this information onto somebody.

If your parents would like to know your scores from some of the measures used in this study we can send them a report. We can also send a summary of the study for you and your parents.

## What are the bad things about this research study?



The first session will be quite long and may take up to two hours. If you get tired or bored and would like a break, just let the researcher know at any time.

If you find any of the questions upsetting to answer, we can stop and talk about this.

## What are the good things about this research study?



By taking part in this research study you will be adding to what we know about young people with a brain injury. This could help researchers to help people like you.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this information.**

**Please let the researcher know if you have any questions.**

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If you would like to talk about this study with someone who is not involved in the research then you or your parents can contact the Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust Patient Advice and Liaison Services (PALS) on 0800 088 4449.