**Establishing the impact of COVID-19 on the health of domiciliary care workers in Wales: developing a model for UK service planning and carer support**

We are inviting you to take part in an interview. Please read the following information carefully. If there is anything that is not clear, or if you want more information, please ask.

**What is the aim of the study?**

The study aim is to understand how COVID-19 has affected the health of domiciliary care workers in Wales. This will help to make sure that care workers across Wales have the right training and support.

**Why have I been invited?**

We are interested in your views and experiences as a domiciliary care worker in Wales. We would like to hear about what it’s been like working through the COVID-19 pandemic, and whether the pandemic has affected your own health and wellbeing.

**What will happen if I take part?**

If you are interested in taking part, please contact us: OSCARstudy@cardiff.ac.uk or  [029 2068 8907](tel:+44(0)2920688907) with your name and telephone number and/or email address and indicate how you would like us to contact you.

A researcher from our Centre will contact you to ask some initial questions. We aim to interview carers from a variety of backgrounds across Wales, this means we will ask you a few questions when you first contact us about yourself and your role as a Domiciliary Care Worker to make sure we speak to a range of workers. We will let you know at this point if an interview is not required. The interview will be carried out by telephone or video call (such as Zoom) at a time that suits you. The discussion may take around an hour.

Everything you say is confidential unless you tell us something that indicates that you or someone else is at risk of harm. We would discuss this with you before telling anyone else. Otherwise we will not give anyone’s name in reports or when we talk to people.

You will receive a £20 gift voucher to say thank you for taking part.

**What are the possible disadvantages and advantages of taking part?**

We do not think there are any specific risks or disadvantages of taking part. If you do become uncomfortable during the interview, it can be stopped at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to.

**What will happen to the information from the interviews?**

We will record the discussion. We will listen to the recording and write down exactly what was said to produce a written transcript. Any information that could identify you (like your name, your clients’ name or your employer) will be removed from the written versions.

During the study, the recording and the transcripts will be stored on the University’s secure computer network. At the end of the study, we will save the recordings for up to 15 years. This is in line with University regulations. We will then destroy the recordings.

The anonymised data will be stored in a national archive at the end of the study for re-use in further research.

**Will all my information be kept confidential?**

Yes, we follow ethical and legal procedures. All information you give us about yourself will be treated in strict confidence*.* All members of the study team and regulatory authorities are trained in data protection issues. They are also bound by the terms of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679. The only people in Cardiff University who will have access to information that identifies you will be people who need to contact you about the interview. Cardiff University will keep identifiable information (name and contact details) about you securely, for up to 15 years after the study has finished. This is in line with Cardiff University policies. If you have a concern or would like to report a problem then please contact Professor Mike Robling ([RoblingMR@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:RoblingMR@cardiff.ac.uk)), Director for Population Health Trials, Centre for Trials Research.

**Who is responsible for looking after my information?**

Cardiff University will act as the data controller for this study. This means we are responsible for looking after all information collected for the purpose of the study. In order to collect and use your personal information as part of this research project, we must have a basis in law to do so. The basis that we are using is that the research is ‘a task in the public interest’. You can find out more about how we use your information here:[*https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/policies-and-procedures/data-protection*](https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/public-information/policies-and-procedures/data-protection)

**Who is organising and paying for the research?**

This study team are based in the Centre for Trials Research at Cardiff University. This study has been funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) as part of UK Research & Innovation's rapid response to COVID-19.

**Who has reviewed the study?**

This study has been reviewed and approved by Cardiff University’s School of Medicine Research Ethics committee [SMREC Ref: SMREC 20/106].

**Contact for more information:**

To register your interest and to ask any questions please contact us:

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