

Invitation to participate in the Moffat Preventing Crisis for Carers Study

You are being invited by The Princess Royal Trust for Carers and Glasgow Caledonian University to take part in a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the Moffat Preventing Crisis for Carers pilot programme. Before you decide whether to take part or not, it is important that you understand why the evaluation is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully. If there is anything that is not clear, or if you would like more information, please contact David Watson at Glasgow Caledonian University on 0141 331 3188. If you decide to participate in the study please click on the link below to take you to the on-line questionnaire. The questionnaire will take around 20 minutes to complete.

What is the purpose of the study?

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers has been increasingly aware of the importance of promoting early identification, intervention and support for carers to prevent unnecessary crisis. The Moffat Programme, funded by The Moffat Charitable Trust and based on four small-scale projects across Scotland, is designed to achieve this by creating effective partnership working between NHS and social work staff, local carer centres and carers. In this study we hope to find out what carers (and those providing services to carers) think about the work of the small scale projects and which aspects of it have been most helpful and why. Glasgow Caledonian University has been asked to independently evaluate the impact of the work over a two year period.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been approached to take part in the study because the area in which you work is included in one of the four Moffat Preventing Crisis for Carers small-scale projects. As a result you will have knowledge and experience of whether this project is making a difference (to the services that are provided) in your area. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping us to determine this.

What will happen if I take part?

If you decide to take part in this study you are asked simply to complete the on-line questionnaire looking at your experiences of working with the Moffat Workers and the support carers receive from you and your organisation.

Everything you share with us will be kept confidential and in line with the Data Protection Act of 1998. A report will be written for The Princess Royal Trust for Carers based on our evaluation and we may also write articles for health and social care workers so that other people can learn from what we find. None of your personal details will be used in these reports.

If you decide to participate in this study there may not be any concrete benefits for you but the information we get from the study will help inform future services and support for carers.

The Research Ethics Committee at the School of Health and Social Care, Glasgow Caledonian University has reviewed and approved this evaluation. If you have any

concerns about the evaluation, or this request, please contact Malcolm Granat, Professor of Research, at 0141 331 8958.

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