

Consultee Information Sheet (Personal and Nominated)

Title of project: RECOVERY-RS Respiratory Support: Respiratory Strategies in COVID-19; CPAP, High-flow, and standard care

At this hospital, we are conducting a research study for patients with COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19.

_____ was enrolled in the trial. Due to the urgent need for treatment, we were unable to talk to them or anyone else before enrolling them in the trial.

Now that the situation is less urgent, we would normally discuss ongoing trial participation with them. However, at the moment, we do not think they have the ability to make this decision for themselves. As such, we are approaching you to act as a consultee on their behalf.

Wherever possible, we ask a relative or friend to undertake this role. However, if they are not available, we may ask a doctor that is independent of the trial to undertake the role.

If you are willing, we would like you to express an opinion about their participation. This should be based, as far as possible, about what you know about them and what their views would have been if they had been able to decide for themselves. Please read the following information leaflet carefully and, if you wish, discuss it with anyone else who also knows them well.

If based on what you know about the individual, you do not think they would have any objection to ongoing participation, please inform the researcher and they will record this. If you change your mind at any time, just let us know.

You do not have to take on this responsibility if you are not comfortable and if you are unsure about taking on this role you should seek independent advice (e.g. the Patient Advisory Liaison Service (PALS)). If you decide that your friend/relative would not wish to take part it will not affect their standard care in any way.