

Research consent form

Here is an example of a research consent form you could use. This is not intended to be comprehensive, nor will it necessarily suit every study. Rather, it provides an illustration of the types of issues you may wish to consider when asking for participants' consent. The sections asterisked and written in blue can be changed to match the specifics of your study.

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Information Prescriptions Evaluation Study

Introduction

Thank you for agreeing to take part in the [insert name of commissioning organisation] Information Prescriptions Evaluation Study.

We are doing this research because it is very important to us to find out what experiences our patients and carers have had of receiving information prescriptions. This will help us to improve these in the future.

We have asked [insert name of research organisation]ⁱ to do this research for us and [insert name of individual researcher, if known].

The organisation doing the research is [insert rationale for using this organisationⁱⁱ].

You have kindly agreed to take part in a [insert research methodⁱⁱⁱ].

Confidentiality and data protection

The [insert detail of research method^{iv}] will be conducted by [insert name of organisation^v].

The comments you make [will/will not be^{vi}] reported in a way that identifies you, when they are reported back to those responsible for information prescriptions in your area which include [insert names of agencies^{vii}].

Any personal data you tell us will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act and will not be shared with anyone else outside [insert names of agencies]. We will not use it for any other purpose apart from this study.

You are free to withdraw from the study at any time.

Please sign and date this form to confirm that you understand the above, and are happy to take part in this study.

Name

Signature.....

Date

ⁱ It may be that the research is being conducted 'in-house', in which case this should be made clear here

ⁱⁱ If being conducted in-house the rationale might be, for example, '...the lead agency responsible for the delivery of IP'. Alternatively, you may wish to highlight briefly the research credentials of any external contractor used.

ⁱⁱⁱ e.g. interview, focus group, survey etc

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^v Insert name of interviewee, or lead researcher from research team

^{vi} You will have to consider whether or not there is any way that information could be identified, and make this clear. For example, it may be that there are service users very familiar to services with identifiable conditions/circumstances.

^{vii} Detail all agencies in the research team, and in the IP partnership who will be receiving feedback from the research.