

Participant Information Sheet

Characterising the Relationship Between Community Hospitals and Community Diagnostic Centres in the Neighbourhood Health Service

What is the purpose of the study?

This MSc at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) is conducting research into the relationship between community hospitals (CHs) and community diagnostic centres (CDCs). We will collect survey data on the current services offered by community hospitals, including diagnostic services, and whether CHs work alongside CDCs in an integrated way. We also hope to conduct interviews with key informants about the roles of community hospitals and community diagnostic centres in the 'neighbourhood health service' as envisioned in the NHS 10 Year Health Plan.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide to take part or not. You have been asked because of your membership of the Community Hospitals Association, but if you don't want to take part, that's ok.

What will happen to me if I take part?

If you decide to join, you'll fill out a short survey that takes about 10 minutes. Starting the survey means you agree to participate, but you can stop at any time by closing the browser. Your answers will only be saved if you finish the survey.

How will we use your answers?

The survey is anonymous. The data will be securely stored at LSHTM and individual responses will not be shared with the CHA. You will have the option to provide contact details at the end of the survey if you wish to participate in a follow-up interview. The study results will be used for the thesis of a MSc degree in Public Health at LSHTM but may subsequently be published in a peer-reviewed journal so that other health services researchers can learn from them.

Who has reviewed this study?

This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Research Ethics Committee (ref: 33577).

Further information and contact details

If you would like any further information, please contact Dr Alexander Axford who can answer any questions you may have about the study. **Email:** alexander.axford1@student.lshtm.ac.uk

Thank you for taking time to read this information sheet. If you think you will take part in the survey please proceed to the link below.

A copy of this informed consent document to be offered to the participant

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[By ticking this box, you confirm you understand why we are doing the study, that you can choose to join or not, what will happen with your information, who to ask if you have questions, and that you want to join]

[CLICK HERE TO START THE SURVEY](#)

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