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Social Frailty Screening Tool

Development and validation of a screening tool for social frailty in older people

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Study Information

Expected Study Start Date	Expected Study End Date	Study Follow Up Period (months)
13/05/2026	30/11/2026	N/A
Study Design & Objectives		
The aim of the project is to develop and validate a screening tool for social frailty which can: identify people who meet the threshold for social frailty or are at high risk of social frailty; identify the domains of social frailty which should be targeted for intervention; be used in routine practice by practitioners in a range of primary, secondary and public health settings and in social care.		

Eligibility

Inclusion Criteria	• Aged 60 years or over • Living at home (i.e. not in institutional care) • Have capacity to give consent to participate in research OR have a family member or unpaid carer who can provide data for them as a proxy
Exclusion Criteria	• Aged under 60 years • Living in institutional care • Does not have capacity to give consent to participate in research and does not have a family member or unpaid carer who can provide data for them

Activities

Practice activities	• Opportunistic identification • Practitioners, clinicians, administrators, managers or research assistants within participating sites will identify people who meet the inclusion criteria. This will be undertaken during routine appointments, in clinic waiting areas, by caseload screening or self-identification via leaflets or posters displayed within participating sites. Caseload screening of health or social care records will only be undertaken by a member of the person's existing health or social care team or a research assistant within the site where consent has been obtained to do so.

	• Potential participants will be invited to participate in the study by a practitioner, clinician, administrator, manager or research assistant within participating sites. They will be provided with an information sheet and consent form about the study. Participating sites will use a 'consent to contact' form to pass on contact details of potential participants to the research team. A researcher within the research team will contact potential participants and provide a copy of the information sheet and consent form by post or email if they had not already received one.
Patient activities	• Informed consent • A researcher will ask questions using the new social frailty screening tool • The researcher will also ask about loneliness, social isolation, and social support before asking for their feedback on the experience

Specific Information

Target recruitment per practice	N/A
Will recruitment be allocated to practice	No - sites are acting as PIC sites
Recruitment accrual per practice or per patient	N/A
GCP requirements (Is GCP certification required to conduct this study)	Yes
Is this study on the PI Associate Scheme?	No
Can the Agile Research Delivery Team support the study?	No
Study Type	PIC site

Reimbursement and Invoicing

Service Support Costs (SSCs)	Opportunistic identification - £53 per patient	**Note: Service support costs are paid by the Regional Research Delivery Network North West (RRDN NW) every 6 months. Costs are triggered by providing data of study activities that have commenced (green light date) to the RRDN.** **Service support cost remittance sheets will come from Manchester Foundation Trust Finance Accounts Team**
Research Costs	N/A	**Note: Research costs will be paid to practices from the study team. You will need to submit an invoice directly to the study team in order for payment to be processed. The contract will list the amount and frequency that you need to invoice for.**
Excess Treatment Costs (ETCs)	N/A	**Note: If excess treatment costs are available, these costs will be paid to you via the RRDN NW and you will be contacted to advise.**