Invitation to join a research study

Study title: Development of a tool to facilitate collaborative working between GPs and community pharmacists

Dear Colleague

We are writing to invite you to take part in a new research study which aims to help community pharmacists and GPs work in a more joined up way.

You have been invited as we are looking for participants who have an interest in this topic, whether that be patients, carers, pharmacy or GP representative bodies and of course community pharmacists and GPs.

The study is being led by Simon Harris, a community pharmacist (CP) from Green Light Pharmacy in London. Simon is being supported by Dr Lizzie Mills from UCL School of Pharmacy and Dr Simon White and Dr Rebecca Venables from Keele University. The research team all have a special interest in the ways that health professionals, particularly GPs and CPs, work together and have been carrying out research on this topic since 2015.

As a participant in this study, you will be asked to complete three online questionnaires, all of which will be emailed to you between April and November 2021. It is through your responses to these questionnaires that the research team will begin to identify important themes and create the tool that CPs and GPs will be able to use to help them work together in a more joined up way.

You will not have to travel to London or Keele at any point in the study, and the questionnaires can be completed in your own time. We expect each questionnaire to take around 30 minutes to complete.

At the end of the research we will have developed a tool that pharmacists and GPs can use to determine how they can work better together. Something which the research team hope will ultimately improve patient care.

If you would like to find out more about the study, please complete the expression of interest at the following link: https://forms.gle/9N3txBtEAj53YuALA

After completing the expression of interest form, you will be sent a Participant Information Sheet, which contains more details on the purpose of the study, how it will be carried out, participant compensation and contact details of the research team.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Kind regards,

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