




Stand by Me Information Sheet

What is the research about?

	<p>As we get older we are all more likely to get some illnesses.</p> <p>Some people get an illness called dementia.</p>
	<p>Your relationship with your partner might be different because of dementia.</p>
	<p>We want to find out more about how couples feel where one partner has dementia.</p> <p>To do this we want to talk to different people about their experiences.</p> <p>This is called research.</p>



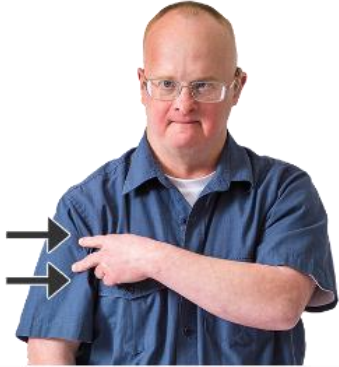

Our research project is called Stand by Me.



We will ask you about your relationship and what might have changed because of dementia.

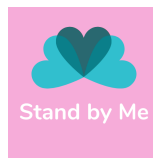



We may also talk to your partner if they agree.

 <p>Staff</p>	<p>We would also like to talk to someone from your family and support team.</p>
 	<p>We can meet you at one of the offices of your organisation or another public space close to you.</p> <p>We can pay your trip by taxi to get there and to get back home.</p> <p>We may talk on the computer or telephone if you prefer.</p>



What will I do?

	<p>You will have a meeting with a researcher from Stirling University.</p> <p>You can have someone from your support team with you if you like.</p>
	<p>The researcher will visit you once to talk to you about your relationship.</p>
	<p>If you agree this will be recorded – just your voice, not a video recording.</p>



	<p>If you are not happy you can stop. You don't have to give a reason.</p>
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What will happen to the results of the research?

	<p>A report of the findings will be prepared for the Dunhill Medical Trust.</p>
 <p>Remarkable research for healthy ageing THE DUNHILL MEDICAL TRUST</p>	<p>Dunhill Medical Trust is funding our project. It pays for research with older people.</p>



We will talk about Stand by Me at conferences.

We will write articles and book chapters about what people told us.






We will send you an easy read summary of the findings from Stand by Me.



Your name will not be used.

How can I be part of the research?

	<p>If you would like to take part, let your workers or family know. They will tell us at the University.</p>
	<p>You can ask us any questions you have.</p>
	<p>You will be given a form to fill in. You will be asked to tick boxes to show that you understand the information about Stand by Me.</p>



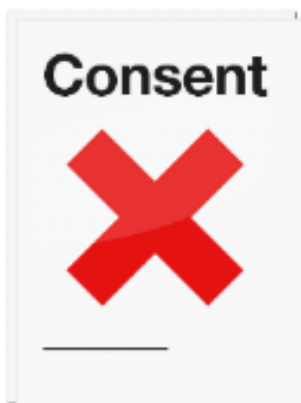
Signing the form means that you agree to take part in Stand by Me.

This is called consent.

You have one week to decide if you want to fill in the form and sign it.



You can return the form by post in the envelope provided.









You do not have to take part.

You can change your mind at any time.

This does not change the support you get.

Who is leading the project?

	<p>Paula Jacobs is the researcher who will come to talk to you.</p> <p>She works at the University of Stirling.</p>
	<p>Her phone number is: 07957 281 207</p> <p>Her email address is: paula.jacobs@stir.ac.uk</p>
	<p>Dr Karen Watchman is leading the project.</p> <p>Senior Lecturer Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport University of Stirling</p> <p> 07746 538367</p> <p> karen.watchman@stir.ac.uk</p>

	<p>Professor Heather Wilkinson is co-leading the project</p> <p>Edinburgh Centre for Research on the Experience of Dementia School of Health in Social Science University of Edinburgh</p> <p> h.wilkinson@ed.ac.uk</p>
	<p>If you have any concerns and would like to speak to someone who is not in the research team, you can contact:</p> <p>Dr Carol Bugge Faculty of Health Sciences and Sport Stirling University, FK9 4LA</p> <p> 01786 466 109</p> <p> carol.bugge@stir.ac.uk</p>
	<p>Thank you for thinking about helping with this research.</p>