

Primary Joint Outcomes Unit
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Date

Dear **Patient Name**,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

We are writing to invite you to take further part in a research study.

When you were in hospital having your **hip/knee (delete as appropriate)** replaced in **month, year** you took part in a research study entitled "Predicting the risk of postoperative delirium: Use of neuropsychology, serum and CSF biomarkers and genetics to predict risk of post-operative delirium" conducted by Dr Emma Cunningham.

Dr Cunningham's team based in Queen's University Belfast and Musgrave Park Hospital are now following all participants in that study up. We are inviting you to continue your involvement in the study.

Taking part means having a telephone conversation with a member of the research team in the coming weeks and months. They will take around 15 minutes and will ask you questions about your health and day to day activities.

Once the covid-19 restrictions are lifted you will be given the opportunity to attend a single, one-off, two hour study visit with a researcher. This could either be at **location TBC** or in your own home, whichever you prefer. If you care for someone the research team can provide an additional person to sit with them while you complete the study visit.

Please see the attached information sheet for further details. We also include a copy of the consent form you will be asked to sign before taking part.

You may be opening this letter on behalf of the participant because they have developed dementia or another problem which limits their understanding or communication. In such cases you are considered a 'consultee'. A consultee information sheet is included for further information if this is the case. We also include a copy of the consultee declaration you will be invited to sign if this is the case.

Further information can also be found online at www.qub.ac.uk/xxxxx. In addition you can telephone Dr Cunningham's team on 0289097xxxx for further information.

Please complete the attached response sheet and return it in the stamped addressed envelope provided.

If you or your family have any questions or would like any further information please do contact the research team who are keen to help.

If you would like to verify the contents of this letter please contact the Outcomes Unit on telephone 02895047125.

Yours sincerely,

Professor David Beverland, on behalf of the Primary Joint Outcomes Unit

Response Form

There are 3 questions below. Please tick one box and return this page in the stamped addressed envelope provided.

Participant Name

I (or the participant who I am acting on behalf of) is:

1. Interested in taking further part in the study and willing for the researchers to contact me

2. Not sure whether I still want to be involved in the study or not but willing to be contacted by the researchers to learn more about it

3. Not interested in the follow up study and do not wish you to contact me again

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this letter and reply with this form.

If you have any questions or suggestions for us or wish to speak to our research team about anything related to this letter we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact us at the Centre for Public Health in Queen's University Belfast on 0289097xxxx.

Further information about the study is available at www.qub.ac.uk/xxxx.