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Participant Information Sheet – Interview Health Care Assistants

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Study Title: Academic award and Recontextualising/Re-using Knowledge (ArRK)

You are being invited to take part in a research study about whether level of academic award makes a difference to how registered nurses organise, delegate and supervise care at the University of Surrey and University of Salford. Before you decide whether to participate it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully. If there is anything that is not clear, or if you would like more information please get in touch with the research team (contact details at the end of this information sheet).

Researchers: Dr Helen Allan, Professor Martin Johnson, Professor Karen Evans, Dr Khim Horton and Ms Carin Magnusson.

What is the purpose of this project?

This study will investigate the effects of university award on registered nurses' ability to recontextualise or re-use knowledge learnt in university to allow them to organise, delegate and supervise care on the wards when working with and supervising healthcare assistants.

Why have I been chosen?

You are being asked whether you would like to participate in this study because you work as a health care assistant in older care or general medicine. Your views will be highly valued.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you would be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

What will taking part involve?

If you decided to participate, you would be asked to participate in an interview which would last approximately 60-90 minutes. The interview would be arranged on a date and time convenient to you. The purpose of the interview is to find out your experiences and views on your role and experience as a health care assistant working with and being supervised by registered nurses. It will be audio tape-recorded and notes taken by one of the researchers. The tapes and notes will be stored in a safe place and only the research team will have access to them. The tapes will be destroyed in accordance with University regulations and/or if you should decide to withdraw from the study. You will not be identified by name or any other person specific details. The interview will be undertaken by Ms Carin Magnusson, Professor Martin Johnson or Dr Helen Allan.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There will probably be no direct benefit to you other than the opportunity to reflect on your work with registered nurses and this may itself lead to change in your practice for the better. Indirectly, as this study will contribute to the profession's understanding about how to educate nurses so that care can be safely delivered and supervised, you may benefit in the future from changes to curricula and teaching processes which may emerge from the findings.

What are the possible disadvantages or risks to taking part?

There are no foreseen disadvantages or risks to taking part. However, if as a result of the interview, issues are raised for you which you wish to discuss further, the researchers would suggest contact could be made with trades union representatives, human resources departments or counseling support.

In the unlikely event that you are harmed by taking part in this research project, there are no special compensation arrangements. If you are harmed due to someone's negligence, then you may have grounds for a legal action but you may have to pay for it.

If you wish to make a complaint or have any concerns about any aspect of the way you have been approached or treated during the course of this study, please contact - Dr Helen Allan, Reader in Nursing and Director of the Centre for Research in Nursing and Midwifery Education, Principal Investigator, Division of Health and Social Care, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey in the first instance. Email h.allan@surrey.ac.uk or telephone on 01483 689745.

Should you fail to be satisfied with the response that you receive, please contact – Professor Karen Bryan, Head of Division of Health and Social Care, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, University of Surrey. Email K.bryan@surrey.ac.uk or telephone on 01483 682507.

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Would my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

You would be given a pseudonym for the research and only the researcher would have access to consent forms and to the computer records where your real name would be stored. All information which is collected about you during the course of research would be kept confidential, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

What would happen to the results of the study?

Anonymised findings will be used in a final report, academic papers and disseminated via user networks.

Who is this study funded by?

This study is funded by the General Nursing Council Chair of Nursing Education at the University of Surrey Trust.

Who has reviewed the study?

Yes - the study has been reviewed by the Ethics Committee at Bromley and the University of Surrey Ethics Committee who have both given a favourable opinion.

Contact for further information

Any concerns relating to this study can be addressed to the Research Team:

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