



Information leaflet on study exploring the development and assessment of professionalism during the preregistration pharmacist placement across healthcare settings

You are being invited to take part in a study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the project is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask Helen Ireland if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for reading this.

What are the objectives of the project?

To explore what you understand as professionalism and how you think preregistration pharmacist trainees can best develop, and be assessed for, professionalism during their training placement.

Helen Ireland is a student at the University of Leeds and this study is towards a doctorate in education qualification.

Why have I been chosen?

A range of people have been asked to contribute their views in order to give the best insight into how professionalism is understood amongst preregistration pharmacists and the people they interact with during their training. In addition to talking to service users, the project will also consult preregistration pharmacist trainees, their tutors, and a member of the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) education team.

Do I have to take part?

It is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to contribute but later change your mind, you can still withdraw at any time. You do not have to give a reason. However any contributions you will have made to the study, for example expressing your views during a discussion, cannot be removed.

If I want to take part, what do I have to do?

- You have been asked to contribute to the project by taking part in a focus group
- This will involve talking and discussing the topic with other service users or patients only
- Helen Ireland will provide an outline for the focus group. Together the group will answer questions, give feedback or may take part in a small activity, for example a case study, relating to the study topic
- It is expected the focus group will last 60 minutes

What type of information will be sought from me and why is the collection of this information relevant for achieving the project's objectives?

You will be asked what you understand by the term professionalism in the context of pharmacy and also to reflect upon how you think preregistration pharmacists should be helped to develop professionalism across their training programme and health settings. You will also be asked to consider how you think professionalism can be assessed during the preregistration year.

Will the conversation be recorded?

Yes, two digital voice records will be used. The recordings will be written up word for word (transcribed).

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Will I be identified in the final report?

No. A code will be given to each person taking part. This will enable all the comments you made to be linked together in the transcription and enable the flow of the conversation to be understood. The key to the coding system will be known only by the lead researcher and the code will be destroyed once the tape recordings have been transcribed.

What will happen to the data?

The interview responses will be reviewed and analysed by the lead researcher. Anonymous comments of particular interest maybe quoted in the final write up.

What will happen to the results of the project?

Your interview will be analysed with data from the other aspects of the study, for example focus groups and e-questionnaire. The data collected will be evaluated to consider what is known about professionalism, how pharmacists in training can develop, and be assessed for, professionalism skills, and to suggest an action plan for any learning needs identified.

If it is felt that the conclusions from the study may be of interest to others, the study will be published in a journal or at a conference. You will not be identifiable from any report or publication. If the study is published and you wish to be notified, so that you have the opportunity to obtain your own copy of the publication, please inform Helen Ireland.

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?

The only expected disadvantage to taking part is the time required to participate.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the project. The project seeks to improve understanding of professionalism, and to inform debate and training in this area.

Is there anything else I should know?

Although your comments will be confidential, if information was provided that was of concern, this would be referred to the appropriate authority as per normal processes.

Who is supporting the study?

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