

Are you thinking of getting involved in research and don't know where to start?

Suggested questions and considerations



BENEFIT

Will this research lead to benefits for residents, their families, and/or staff?



PRIORITY

Does the research address an important topic?



TIME COMMITMENT

What tasks will the care home have to do and what level of commitment (i.e. time) is needed? When will the research start and finish?



RELATIONSHIPS

Do you feel confident in the researcher(s) work?



INFORMATION

Do you understand what the research is about? If anything is unclear ask the researcher(s) for more information.



OWNERSHIP

Is there an opportunity for the care home to be involved in shaping this topic/project?



FLEXIBILITY

Does the study design take into account the practicalities of day-to-day care routines in care home?



COST

How much will this cost the care home (i.e. resources/time)? Do you expect to receive any expenses or payments for taking part?

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Are you thinking of conducting research with care homes?

Considerations for researchers



BENEFIT

Describe to the care home who will benefit from your research (e.g. residents, relatives, and/or staff).



PRIORITY

Does your research address regional/national priorities? Have care home stakeholders confirmed the importance of your research topic? If yes, this should be highlighted when asking care homes to be involved.



TIME COMMITMENT

Make it clear how the care home will be involved, what participants will have to do and the level of time involved. Describe your study timelines: i.e. when the study starts and finishes.



RELATIONSHIPS

If the care home is new to you take the time to build good working relationships.



INFORMATION

When communicating use plain English, and provide reassurance regarding ethical conduct. Check who the decision maker is and consider how they will receive the study information and confirm engagement with your study.



OWNERSHIP

Can you describe the strategic importance of the study to the care home? Is there a specific characteristic of this care home that you have chosen for the study?



FLEXIBILITY

Design your study with care home stakeholders to ensure the protocol reflects the practicalities of day-to-day care routines or can be tailored to specific routines in different care homes.



COST

Consider cost implications and engagement reimbursement payments for participants.

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