

Information for Interview Participants

Title of Project:

Assessing the value of a librarians' journal club

Name of Researchers: Igor Brbre, Jil Fairclough, Tom Roper

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to determine if librarians' journal clubs are an effective medium for continuing professional development, understanding and applying best practice to service improvement, and practicing evidence-based librarianship. The study has been accepted for oral presentation at EAHIL 2016, and will be written up for publication in the Journal of the European Association for Health Information and Libraries.

Why have I been chosen?

You completed a survey and indicated that you would be prepared to answer questions in a semi-structured face-to-face interview.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do, you will be given this information sheet to keep and a consent form to sign. You are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

What will happen to me if I take part?

You will be asked to attend a 30-60 minute interview with Tom Roper where you will be asked a series of questions to explore further your views of the value of librarians' journal clubs. The interview will be recorded on an audio device, transcribed, and anonymised excerpts may appear in the conference presentation and journal article.

The interview will only be carried out if you consent to the use of excerpts in the final report. Audio material gathered from the interview will not be shared with third parties, nor shall you be mentioned by name in the interview itself or the final report. If quoted, you will be referred to as respondent *n* and any detail that might make you personally identifiable will be removed.

What do I have to do?

You are asked to attend a 30-60 minute interview at a time of your choosing to answer a number of questions. Interviews will be conducted by Tom Roper.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The study will contribute to the body of professional knowledge on the utility and effectiveness of librarians' journal clubs. The study may inform the future development of the Brighton and Sussex NHS Library and Knowledge Service journal club.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on with the study?

Nothing. You can withdraw from the study or change your decision to take part at any point.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

Yes. Data from the study will be used in the presentation and journal article. The interview recording and transcript will be kept on password protected computers and only for as long as is strictly necessary. Access to the original audio recording will be restricted to the three researchers.

What if there is a problem?

Should you have any concerns or a complaint to make about the study, please contact Igor Brbre, Jil Fairclough or Tom Roper. The same three people may be approached for further information.

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