

Intervention to prevent overdoses among people prescribed opioids for pain

Interview participants wanted – get involved!

What for?

Scotland has one of the highest rates in Europe of people dying from opioid overdoses. This includes people who are prescribed opioids for chronic non-cancer pain, and includes accidental and non-fatal overdose as well as intentional and fatal overdose.

We are researchers based at the University of Stirling. We're conducting a study to better understand what can be done to reduce drug-related deaths (caused by overdose) with this particular group of people.

We would like to hear your views if you are the partner or family member of someone who has been currently or previously prescribed strong opioids for chronic non-cancer pain. Please get in touch.

Who are we looking for? To take part you need to be:

- 18 years old or over;
- A partner or family member of an individual previously prescribed (as long as not more than 5 years ago) or currently prescribed a strong opioid for chronic pain that is not caused by cancer.
 - Strong opioids for this study are: buprenorphine, diamorphine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, meperidine, morphine, oxycodone, pethidine, tapentadol and tramadol. Please note that in order to be eligible, oral (tablet) tramadol doses need to be at least 400mg per day, and buprenorphine patches must be 20mcg/hr – they are considered to be weak opioids below this strength.
 - Family members include (but are not limited to): parents, partners, sons, daughters, siblings, aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews, and grand-parents. This includes in-law relationships and step-relationships.
- Able and willing to take part in an interview (face to face, or by phone or Skype) with a researcher at two time points.

As a 'thank you' for taking part, we will give you a £20 shopping voucher to acknowledge the time you give to this (£20 voucher per interview).

Interested or would like to find out more? Please contact the research team using the details below and share your views with us on this important issue.

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