

Appendix 6: Participant Information Sheet; Summary of study in non-technical language

A Choir in Every Care Home is a national project aimed at supporting the increase of singing and live music in care homes for older people across the UK. It is being led by Live Music Now who are a charity working with professional musicians who visit into care homes to play music and carry out music activities with people that live and work in them.

Your home is going to take part in part of this project by hosting a pair of musicians for 10 sessions of music activities that you have been invited to join in with. This will involve listening to live music as well as taking part in live music and singing. The musicians who will come into your home are

Give detail here

These musicians will be working for Live Music Now who have carefully selected them through an audition process based on their musical talent and their suitability to work in residential care homes. They have also received training to work on such settings

They will first have a session with the staff to agree how they will work together. Then they will come back 10 more times to play music and lead music activities that you will be invited to join in with.

Through this project, we want to understand more about what difference taking part in this activity makes for residents and staff who participate, if any. To do this we have designed an evaluation study with the help of the University of Winchester.

The study will gather and analyse information about

1. The happiness of the residents who take part
2. The happiness of the staff who take part
3. The confidence of the staff in leading music
4. The amount of music activity that takes place in the home in addition to what the professional musicians lead
5. Any changes in your care during, before and after the 10 weeks of music

The happiness of the residents (Item 1 above) will be measured through observation that will take place during the music session by a researcher called Douglas making observations and taking notes

Items 2-4 from the above list will be measured by staff taking part filling in questionnaires at the beginning, middle and end of the study and through 2 of these staff members taking part in interviews at the end.

Item 5 will be measured through the standard data recording that the home is already gathering on a regular basis.

For us to gather and analyse this information and to allow you to take part in the activity we need your consent on the form attached. You are not obliged to give your consent and can withdraw your consent at any future stage.

