

What will happen to the results of the study

The results of this study are likely to be published as presentations, reports and as an academic publications. We will not use your name or details that could identify you in any publication. To keep up-to-date with the results of the study you can follow us on twitter @Astudymimos.

Who is funding and organising the study?

The study is funded and commissioned by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and is being led by The University of Leeds (The Sponsor). All the researchers taking part in the study are committed to improving the services received by people who have experienced sexual assault and are committed to understanding the experience of services users in a compassionate way.

Who has reviewed the study?

Yes the study has been approved by North West, Preston, Research Ethics Committee

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.

Please see the full Participant Information Sheet (PIS) for further details



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What is the purpose of the study?

We want to try and improve the mental health and substance use help for people who attend SARCs.

Why have I been invited?

You have been invited to take part in the study as you have recently attended a SARC

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. You are free to leave the study at any time and without giving a reason by simply writing 'remove' to **07894327225** or **mimos@leeds.ac.uk**. This will not affect the care you receive either now or at any time in the future.

What will happen to me if I take part?

If you agree to take part you will be asked to sign a consent form and to complete a questionnaires about your background demographic information, mental health, substance use and quality of life and service use that take around 30 minutes. They can be completed safely, securely and anonymously online, over the phone with a researcher, or on paper copies. We will then ask you to complete the same questions 6 months

Expenses and payments?

You will receive a £10 as a thank you for taking part in the research

Will my information be confidential?

The information you provide will be confidential. The only exception to this confidentiality is if we have concerns about current or future risk of serious harm to yourself or to anybody else. If there are concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or other vulnerable person, the research team may have a legal obligation to notify social services. Similarly, confidentiality may be broken if you disclose details of intention to commit a crime or if you share details of a crime for which you have not been convicted. If this happens, we will need to inform your GP or other relevant services (on a need to know basis only). We will always try and discuss this with you first where possible.

We will not ask you to provide any information or detail in relation to the sexual assault or assaults you have experienced. In order for us to make this research safe for all to take part, we ask that you do not disclose to the researcher, or detail on the questionnaire, any information in regards to the sexual assault. This is so that we do not inadvertently jeopardise any ongoing investigations or live court cases.

What will happen to my data?

In this research study we will use information from you. We will only use information that we need for the research study. We will let very few people know your name or contact details, and only if they really need it for this study. Everyone involved in this study will keep your data safe and secure. We will also follow all privacy rules. At the end of the study we will save some of the data in case we need to check it or to contact you for future research if you consent to this. We will make sure no-one can work out who you are from the reports we write. The participant information sheet tells you more about this.

What are the possible advantages of taking part?

We cannot promise that the study will help you but your information will help to increase the understanding of how SARCs can improve mental health treatment provision for people after sexual assault. You will be able to have your views of the services you received heard and recognised, which may provide a 'therapeutic' benefit associated with 'having a voice'. We will offer everybody information about sources of help and support

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?

We will ask you questions about the symptoms you have experienced and the care that you have received, which you may find personal or distressing. You can take time in answering and do not have to answer questions that you do not want to. You can discuss any concerns with the researcher at any point and we will ask if you would like your GP told, so that they can provide further support.

We recognise that some people may be concerned about taking part in the study for all sorts of reasons– we are always very happy to have a discussion about your concerns and think about how best to involve you whilst protecting your safety and confidentiality

What if there is a problem?

If you have any concerns about the study, you can ask to speak to the researchers, who will do their best to answer your questions (Telephone: 0113 343 0963 or 07894327225).