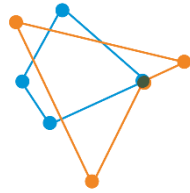




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Information Sheet

Investigating the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its response on people with Severe Mental Illness (IMPACT COVID19-SMI Survey)

- We would like you to take part in a research study. Before you decide, you need to understand why this study is being done and what it will involve for you.
- Please take time to read the following information carefully.
- Talk to others about the study if you wish.
- Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.
- Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this study is to follow up participants of the IMPACT survey in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan and to collect information about the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on people with severe mental illness

Why have I been chosen?

You have been chosen because you have participated in the IMPACT survey and you have provided us your contact details and agreed to be contacted for further studies.

Do I have to take part?

No, participation is entirely voluntary. Not taking part will not affect any of your future care or treatment. If you agree to take part please complete the consent form. If you agree to being contacted again we may contact you about future studies you might be interested in taking part in.

What do I have to do?

If you agree to take part we will ask you some questions regarding your experience during the Coronavirus epidemic by telephone. This will take about 25 – 35 minutes.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There are no benefits to you personally, although as a token of our appreciation for your time and inconvenience, we will offer a remotely transferred as airtime credit of 200 Rupees for each interview. The information we gather from this study will help us to inform policy makers and those responsible for healthcare on what the particular problems are for people with mental illness and how best to offer support during and after the Coronavirus pandemic.

What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?

You will need to make time to answer the questions.

What happens if I change my mind about taking part?

Even if you take part now, you are still free to withdraw at any time. A decision to withdraw from the study will not affect any of the care you receive now or in the future and you do not have to give a reason for withdrawing.

What if there is a problem?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study will be addressed. If there is a problem, please contact the Head, or Designated person at Institute of Psychiatry for the research 03160514268

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

All information that you give us will be kept strictly confidential. Your name will not be mentioned in any reports. Only members of the research team will know that you have agreed to take part in the study.

As we may be send you information about future studies we need your name and contact details. These personal details will be stored in locked filing cabinets and all electronic copies will be stored on a secure server accessed by password – protected computers at the IMPACT Institute of Psychiatry.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The data that you provide will be anonymized and may be used in the future to inform stakeholders and policymakers of the challenges that people with mental illness are experiencing during the Coronavirus epidemic. we will prepare summaries and policy briefs as soon as possible after each wave of data collection, and share these with relevant policy makers (who are also collaborators in the IMPACT Programme), professional bodies (e.g. Pakistan Psychiatric Society), those responsible for planning and management of health and social care and non-government organisations providing support to vulnerable populations. Lay summaries will also be prepared and disseminated via channels such as press releases and websites. This will be in addition to academic journal publications and conference presentations. You will not be identified in any reports or publications.

Who is Organising the study?

Institute of Psychiatry Rawalpindi Medical University, Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

Who has reviewed the study?

The study has been reviewed by <Bangladesh India and Pakistan approvals need inserting here> and the University of York's Health Sciences Research Governance Committee.

Contact for further information

For further Details you can Contact at this number from 9 AM from 5 PM: **03160514268**

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