What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of the study will be published in academic journals and on websites. The research team will also present the results of the study at training events or at conferences and feedback to doctors, nurses and other practitioners. You will not be identified in any report, publication, at any conference or training event.

Who is organising and funding the research?

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Professor Jane Norman, from NHS Lothian and The University of Edinburgh is the Chief Investigator for the research project. Professor Sarah Cunningham-Burley is the lead for this interview study.

Who has reviewed the study?

The South East Scotland Research Ethics Committee has reviewed this study and ethical approval has been obtained. If you have any concerns or questions about any part of the research, you can speak with an independent person who is not involved in the study:

Dr. Tineke Broer, University of Edinburgh
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For further information on the study please contact:

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STOPPIT-2 PARTICIPANT (HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL) QUALITATIVE INTERVIEW INFORMATION LEAFLET

An open randomised trial of the Arabin pessary to prevent preterm birth in twin pregnancy, with health economics and acceptability

Would you like to take part?

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide, it is important to know why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Please ask 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.

If you would like to take part please contact Sue Chowdhry at the University of Edinburgh using the telephone/email on the back of this leaflet.

What is the research about?

The STOPPIT-2 study aims to determine whether the Arabin pessary improves outcomes for women with twin pregnancy and for their babies. We would like to interview clinicians (obstetricians, midwives and sonographers/radiologists) looking after patients who are participating in the STOPPIT-2 study. We are interested in exploring your views of the intervention in the trial.

Why have I been invited to participate?

You will have been asked to take part in an interview because your hospital is participating in the STOPPIT-2 study.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and you will be asked to sign a consent form. If you think you might be interested in taking part please contact the research team using the details at the end of this leaflet. They will be happy to answer any questions you have about the study and will organise to meet you for the interview.

If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time, and without giving any reason. Please just let the member of the research team who you have been speaking with know that you do not want to take part any more.

What will I have to do if I take part?

If you agree to take part you will be asked by our researcher (Sue Chowdhry) to arrange a suitable time to interview you, at a place that is convenient to you. This will be quite informal, where you will be encouraged to talk about your experiences of administering the intervention and being part of the trial. You don't have to answer all the questions if you don't want to – we are keen to hear your views in your own words. The interviews will last about an hour, depending on what you have to say.

The researcher will ask your permission to record the interview with a digital recorder so that the research team can listen to these and write them up afterwards.

Your name and any other information that you provide in the interviews which might identify you will be removed or changed so that you can't be recognised.

Are there any benefits in taking part?

The interviews will involve discussing issues that are important to you and give you the chance to talk about your experiences. This nested qualitative study will add significantly to the robustness of the interpretations we can make from the trial and help improve interventions.

Are there any disadvantages or risks in taking part?

There are no obvious risks to taking part. The researcher will ensure that your thoughts and feelings are respected at all times.

What happens when the research study stops?

After the interview with the researcher, your involvement in the nested qualitative study will end. We will write up a summary of study findings and can send you a copy if you wish.

How will my information be stored?

The audio recording and typed transcript of your interview will be stored on a password protected computer and in a locked filing cabinet. The recordings will be deleted after the study is completed. The transcripts may be archived in an anonymous form (this means without any information that could be used to identify you).

Any information we have about you and everything you say in the interview will be kept strictly confidential. Your name and address will be kept separately from your interview. Only the researcher will see this information.

What happens if I don't want to continue the study?

If you don't want to carry on with the study you can withdraw at any time by contacting Sue Chowdhry, using the contact details on the back of this leaflet. You do not need to give a reason. Taking part in the study, or not taking part in the study, will not affect your professional role in any way.

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