



## **Standing Practice In Rehabilitation Early after Stroke**

### **Consultee Information Sheet**

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#### **Introduction**

You are being invited to act as a 'consultee' for your relative/friend who is unable to make a decision for themselves. You are being asked to advise the researcher about his/her wishes and feelings as to whether they themselves would have wished to participate in this research. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand what it means to be a consultee, as well as why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read this information carefully and ask us if anything is not clear or if you would like more information.

#### **What does it mean to be a consultee?**

A consultee is someone who knows a person who lacks the mental capacity to make the decision to participate in this research and is willing and able to offer an opinion as to what your relative/friend's wishes would be. Please let us know of any advance decisions they may have made about participating in research. These should take precedence.

If you decide your relative/friend would have no objection to taking part, we will ask you to read and sign the consultee declaration. We'll then give you a copy to keep. We will keep you fully informed during the study so you can let us know if you have any concerns or you think your relative/friend should be withdrawn.

We will not ask you to do anything else other than advise about your relative/friend participating in our research. You will not need to complete any assessments or paperwork on their behalf.

You do not have to act as a consultee if you do not want to.



### **Why have I been asked to be a consultee?**

You may have been chosen because you know the patient personally, either as a partner, friend or relative, and they would trust you to help with this decision. Or, you may be a member of the care team who looks after the patient, and you may have the patient's best interests in mind.

If you decide that your friend/relative would not wish to take part this decision will be respected and will not affect the standard of care they receive in any way.

The following information is the same as would have been provided to your relative/friend.