

What about the research ethics?

What do the researchers say about the ethics of the research?

In their ethics application to the Research Ethics Committee, the researchers say the following things about the ethics of the study:

- The children and young people who will be invited to take part may already know the professor who is leading the research project, as he is the doctor for some of them.
- Children and young people can only take part if their parents give permission. If parents say no, the child or young person will not be able to take part, even if they want to.
- The researchers say the treatments are safe to use; many people already take Exhalin and Verabreath.
- The children and young people can stop taking part in the research at any time.
- Participants will be asked to spend half a day in hospital four times the research period (one school year). (Prompt: opportunity costs – e.g. missing school, sports, seeing friends, etc.)
- Participants' saliva samples containing their DNA will be kept by the researchers for "future research questions".
- Everything participants say in the online questionnaire will be kept confidential. The researchers say that they will keep all the children's information in a secure place (on a computer with a secure password).
- The research findings will be published in a research journal or report for others to read.
- Participants will be given a £20 Amazon voucher.

What do you think about the ethics of the research?

- Do you think the researchers have missed anything important?
- What do you think the researchers and the Research Ethics Committee should consider before the study can take place?
- Would you take part? If you were taking part a participant in this study, what would you like to know about or what might you be worried about?