

LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET



‘Does pain affect dependents too? Exploring the relationship between parental coping with chronic pain and the experiences of young dependent carers’

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it involves. Please take time to read the following information. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide if you want to take part or not.

1. What is the purpose of the study?

This study is being conducted as part of a student project for a Postgraduate degree thesis. The study aims to explore the relationship between a parents chronic pain and how they appraise this pain and if this affects their adolescent’s perception of the pain. The study also aims to understand the experience of being a young person perhaps caring for someone with chronic pain and what positive or negative things this may involve for them as a teenager growing up. A lot of research has been conducted in this area in relation to husbands and wives, but little with dependents, considering this the purpose of this study is to acknowledge the important role they also have within a family context.

2. Do I have to take part?

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary; it is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do you will be given this information sheet and asked to sign a consent form. You are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason. A decision to withdraw will not affect your rights/any future treatment/service you receive.

3. What will happen to me if I take part?

You will be asked to complete a questionnaire which involves questions about your experience of pain, your adolescent will also be asked to complete the same questionnaire adapted for their response. This should take about 20 minutes of your time.

The questionnaire can be sent back to the researcher via pre paid mail or personally collected by the researcher from a location of your choice. Your adolescent will have the same information.

This is all you are required to do to participate in this study.

4. Are there any risks / benefits involved?

There are no anticipated risks of you taking part in this study.

5. Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?

Any information provided during the study will be kept confidential and all data is recorded anonymously. Only the researcher will have access to your responses and these will be destroyed as is standard after 5 years.

6. Contact Details of Researcher

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