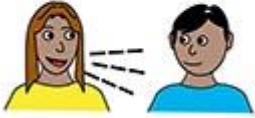






Easy read

We want to make sure that all research that takes place is safe and make sure that patients are looked after.

What is research?

Research can mean all sorts of things, which can include:

<p>talking</p> 	<p>Talking to people to find out how they feel</p>	
<p>injection</p> 	<p>giving people a medicine to see if it works</p>	
<p>physio</p> 	<p>seeing if a treatment works</p>	
<p>weight</p> 	<p>blood test</p> 	<p>measuring different things, like a patient's weight and height, or testing their blood</p>

Why do we do research?

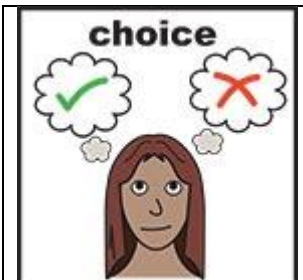
Research can help to find out about new medicines or new treatments. Research can also help to find out if a medicine or treatment is OK for a certain type of person.

Is it safe to get involved in research?

In the NHS, we do lots of checking to make sure that anyone who wants to do research is doing the research properly and looking after the patients. We make sure they are qualified to do the research.

If you are asked to try a medicine the medicine will be tested first to make sure it is safe.

Do I have to get involved in research?

 <p>choice</p>	<p>You can choose whether you want to take part in any research and you can always stop at any time. It is always your choice and it is OK to say no. You do not have to say why if you do not want to.</p>
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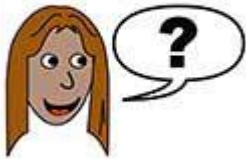

Why should I get involved?

You should only get involved if you want to. But by taking part in research you can help to:

- ✓ find new medicines or treatments
- ✓ find out whether there are any problems with a medicine or treatment
- ✓ help people to feel better

What will I be told?

If you do decide to take part in research you will get told all about the research and about what the researcher will ask you to do.

<p>ask questions</p> 	<p>The researcher should always tell you who they are. This is so you can ask any questions. If you do not understand anything you should ask the researcher.</p>
<p>agree</p> 	<p>If you want to take part you will have to sign a form to show that you agree.</p>

If you feel poorly when taking part in research you should tell your doctor or the researcher. They need to know about possible side effects.

Side effects are when a medicine or treatment can cause a problem.