

# The D-DRINC Study : Participant Information Sheet [Personal Consultee] RAS Project ID: 317892

**Long Study Title:** An Inclusive approach to understanding the barriers and facilitators of drinking, for people living with dementia in a Care Home – **The D-DRINC Study**

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***Please read this participant information sheet in full.***

***You have been asked to act as a personal consultee for someone who you know well, who might like to take part in the D-DRINC study, but they do not have the mental capacity to provide informed consent to taking part in the study.***

***After reading the information in full, you will be asked to consider the person's wishes and feelings and advise on whether the person should participate in the D-DRINC study or not.***

## **What is the D-DRINC Study?**

The D-DRINC study is part of my PhD project.

The aim of the D-DRINC study is to better understand how residents drink within a care home setting. We would like to understand what may or may not help someone living with dementia to drink.

If we can better understand the kinds of things that help people living with dementia to drink, then we can then work to develop interventions, which might help to improve drinking and so help prevent dehydration for care home residents, especially those living with memory problems.

## **Who are we looking to recruit to take part in the study?**

We would like to speak with anyone who works within the care home. We also would like to speak with people who are responsible for the management and leadership of the care home. We would like to speak to family caregivers and visitors of residents within the care home. We would like to speak with health professionals who visit the care home and provide care or support to residents within the care home. We would also like to speak to care home residents, who have difficulty remembering/ cognitive impairment.

### **What will study participation involve?**

#### Care home resident

The researcher (Ellice) will spend time in the care home carrying out research observations, paying attention to the usual daily routines within the care home and taking some notes. Research observations will usually happen within communal areas, such as corridors, the sitting room or dining room.

Observations might also happen in bedrooms, because some residents spend more time in their bedroom. Bedroom observations will only ever occur when there is another person present, when there is no intimate personal care being given and only if you agree to this. During observations, Ellice might also ask the person some questions around drinking. Observations will be carried out during the day and night, at different times and on different days, for an extended period of time. This is so that Ellice gets to know the care home, and life within the care home, well. Ellice will check that the person is happy to be observed, on each interaction. There might be times during the study, that they decide that they do not want to be observed and that is ok.

Ellice will also ask care staff/ caregivers for some basic, personal information about the resident, such as how long they have lived in the care home, how much help they need in everyday living, their age and any health conditions. Ellice will also ask care home staff to access their nursing records to ascertain certain health information.

The resident might find it confusing or upsetting when Ellice is in their home. Ellice will understand if they ask her to leave and will stop asking questions. Ellice will also find someone they know well to talk to, such as care home staff, or friends and family.

As a personal consultee, we are asking if you think the individual would like to take part in the study or not. If you feel that they would like to take part, then we will ask you to complete a personal consultee declaration form. If the

person does take part in the study and shows any sign of distress, discomfort or expresses that they do not want to take part in the study, then they will be withdrawn and will not be able to re-join.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

There are no direct benefits from taking part in this study.

I will be offering a free one-hour training session about drinking, to the care home. I will also offer family caregivers/ visitors a one-hour training session about drinking. The resident's participation will be helping us to better understand drinking in care homes for residents living with memory difficulties.

### **What are the possible risks of taking part?**

Being observed may be uncomfortable or distressing for some people. Some people may find some topics of conversations, or questions upsetting. If the person shows any sign of discomfort or distress by taking part in the study, then they will be withdrawn from the study, and the researcher (Ellice) will withdraw from that area of observation in the home.

If you need support, please ask me (Ellice) for a chat. You might also consider speaking to friends or family, your GP, or other organisations offering support which you might prefer are:

- Samaritans: 116 123 24 hours a day, 365 days a year  
or [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- SANEline: 0300 304 7000 (4.30pm-10.30pm)
- Dementia Connect: 0333 150 3456 and Dementia Talking Point Online

### **What will happen to the information collected from the observations and interviews (data)?**

The resident's personal information will be anonymised, replacing it with a made-up name, so that they won't be identified. Their information will only be shared within the Research team at the University of East Anglia (Diane Bunn, Lee Hooper and Fiona Poland). No personally identifiable information will be used when reporting this study. The care home will also have a made-up name, and no identifying information about it reported. Personal information and participant contact information will be stored within password-protected files

within the University's secure OneDrive server. Contact information will be destroyed at the end of the study. Hard copies of personal information and data will be stored within locked filing cabinets, within a locked room, which has restricted access. Any audio-recordings will be securely saved into a password-protected folder on the UEA OneDrive before I leave the care home, and then deleted off the audio-recorder. All data will be kept securely for 10 years, in line with the UEA Research Data Management Policy.

Data with identifying details removed, will be used within study reports, publications, presentations at conferences and on social media. We will also share the non-identifying findings with care homes, and public and patient involvement panels/networks.

You can provide additional consent to the resident's anonymised data being shared for further research purposes. This will only happen if you give consent to it.

If I (Ellice) am worried by something that the participant says, which involves them or someone else being harmed, or at risk of being harmed, then I wouldn't be able to keep that confidential. At first, I would speak to the participant about it, and then I would raise it with the care home manager and safeguarding via social services. It is my duty of care.

### **Would you like to take part?**

If you think that the individual would like to take part in this study, please contact Ellice on [ellice.parkinson@uea.ac.uk](mailto:ellice.parkinson@uea.ac.uk). Ellice will then discuss the study with you further, to ensure that you understand the requirements of the study and will then ask you to complete a personal consultee declaration form.

*Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet. If you would like to speak to Ellice more about the research, or have any concerns, please contact her on [ellice.parkinson@uea.ac.uk](mailto:ellice.parkinson@uea.ac.uk). Alternatively, you can raise any concerns with Diane Bunn (Ellice's supervisor) at [d.bunn@uea.ac.uk](mailto:d.bunn@uea.ac.uk).*

The D-DRINC study is part of Ellice's PhD project at the University of East Anglia, which aims to explore and understand dehydration amongst older adults, with a particular focus on care home residents with memory problems. It is jointly funded by UEA, NIHR Applied Research Collaboration east of England and NHS South Norfolk and Suffolk CCG.

(The D-DRINC study was approved by the Camberwell St Giles Research Ethics Committee [REC Ref: 22/LO/051] on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and recorded by the Health Research Authority.)

## **GDPR Statement**

### **How will I use information about you?**

If you are a **care home resident**, then I will seek information from you, your caregiver and care staff and your nursing records, to be used within this study.

If you are a **caregiver/visitor, work in the care home, or a health professional**, then I will only seek information from yourself. I will not be accessing your health records for this study.

This information will include your name, age and health conditions. I will use this information to do the research study. Regulatory bodies might also check this information to make sure that the research is being done properly.

People who do not need to know who you are will not be able to see your name or contact details. Your data will be linked to a made-up name instead.

We (the research team) will keep all information about you safe and secure.

Once we have finished the study, we will keep some of the data so we can check the results. Ellice will write the study reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study.

### **What are your choices about how your information is used?**

- You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, until the study reaches analysis stage, where everyone's data will be combined. At that point, we will be unable to untangle your data from anyone else's.
- We (the research team) need to manage your records in specific ways for the research to be reliable. This means that we won't be able to let you see or change the data we hold about you, once you have given it to the study.

### **Where can you find out more about how your information is used?**

You can find out more about how we (the research team) will use your information

- by visiting the D-DRINC study website: [tinyurl.com/2p8hvskm](https://tinyurl.com/2p8hvskm)
- by asking one of the research team: Diane Bunn [d.bunn@uea.ac.uk](mailto:d.bunn@uea.ac.uk)
- by sending an email to [ellice.parkinson@uea.ac.uk](mailto:ellice.parkinson@uea.ac.uk)