

## What if I have other questions?

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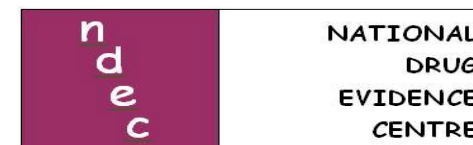
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## Drug Treatment Outcomes Research Study (DTORS)



**Qualitative Research with Treatment Service Users**

**Commissioned by the Home Office**



NatCen are leading this strand of research, exploring peoples' experience of drug treatment programmes. **This leaflet provides you with further information about the study.**

## What is DTORS?

The study is about people who are entering drug treatment programmes in England. It aims to find out what sort of things affect a person's chances of success in drug treatment programmes. The information will be used to plan the provision of drug treatment and other services in this country, to help as many people as possible overcome their drug problems

## Why have you chosen me?

As you are already taking part in the survey part of the DTORS research, we would like to talk to you in detail about your treatment experiences.

We will also be contacting other people who are taking part in the DTORS survey from four to eight areas across the country.

## Do I have to take part?

No. We are relying on your voluntary co-operation. No one is taking part in this study who does not want to. Even if you say yes to begin with, you are free to stop at any time.

If you do decide to take part in the interview, we will give you a £20 voucher as a thank you.

## What are the questions about?

We will ask you to talk in more detail about things that you may have covered in the DTORS survey. For example, we will ask you to talk about things that may be linked to your drug use and treatment, your previous treatment experiences, how you came into your current treatment and your experience of it, your drug use, your circumstances and your health.

*This phase of the research is different from the main survey study which you have already taken part in. This research gives you the opportunity to talk about your own experiences of receiving drug treatment services in an in-depth interview format.*

## What else is happening?

We will also be exploring the views of a range of treatment service providers. This will help us understand their views and experiences of delivering treatment services and the different outcomes they have experienced.

## What will the research involve?

Interviews will involve a researcher talking to you for about one hour and thirty minutes. The interview will be recorded on a tape recorder so that we can be sure that we correctly remember everything that you tell us. We will of course work around you in order to arrange a time and place convenient to you for these interviews.

**We will be conducting this research during early 2007.**

## Is it confidential?

Yes. Once we have written down what you have told us from the tape recording, the tape will be wiped clean. No one who knows you will be able to find out what you have said in the interview. This includes staff from the treatment centre and other case workers from any other services or agencies you may have. The only time we may discuss what you have said with others is if you tell us about a risk or actual harm to another person who cannot speak for themselves, or the intention to harm yourself.

### **Our responsibilities to you:**

- **We guard your privacy:** your participation will be treated in strict confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Act. Your views will be used for research purposes only. Either individual treatment programmes or participants will be identified in the final report.
- **We respect your wishes:** participation in the study is voluntary and you are not obliged to answer any questions you do not wish to.
- **We answer your questions:** we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.