

Welfare Attorney/ Welfare Guardian/ Nearest Relative Invitation Letter

CARE HOME headed paper

Research Study: Kinectons- Strengthening Community in Care Homes

Dear

[Name of Home] is taking part in a research project with an experienced researcher, Dr Edel Roddy, from the University of the West of Scotland. Edel has worked as a nurse in care homes and more recently as a researcher with a special interest in the idea of community in care homes.

This study, Kinectons, aims to explore the idea of 'community' for people in care homes living with dementia or a cognitive impairment. The research team are looking to find out more about the ways in which people with a dementia or cognitive impairment are supported to be part of the care home community; with a particular focus on their everyday experiences and interactions in the care home.

Edel would like to involve residents with dementia, including adults with incapacity, in this research, and as [] welfare attorney/ welfare guardian/relative she would like to explore with you if this is something that to the best of your knowledge, you think [] would like to be part of.

If [] was to be part of the research this would involve Edel spending time in the lounge or other communal spaces, and making notes about what she observes. These notes would focus on what appears to be important to [], what helps to generate positive outcomes and the ways in which [] is part of the care home community.

If you would like to find out more information about the study then please let [nominated person in care home] know. Your response is not a decision to take part but only to find out more information. Edel will then send you information sheets and, with your permission, follow this up with a phonecall to explain things further and for you to have time to ask questions. If you prefer, you can meet with Edel in the care home. After this, you can consider if participation in this study would be something that would be in keeping with [] feelings and wishes. If you decide that this is something that [] would not wish to participate in this will in no way alter the care they receive.

It would be much appreciated if you could let [nominated person in care home] know by __/__/__ __ if this is something you would like to explore further.

If you have any questions then please feel free to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Care Home Manager/ Nominated Care Home Contact