

Intervention to prevent overdoses among people prescribed opioids for pain

Focus group participants wanted – get involved!

What for?

Scotland has one of the highest rates in Europe of people dying from opioid overdoses. This includes people who are prescribed opioids for chronic non-cancer pain, and includes accidental and non-fatal overdose as well as intentional and fatal overdose.

We are researchers based at the University of Stirling. We're conducting a study to better understand what can be done to reduce drug-related deaths (caused by overdose) with this particular group of people.

We would like to hear your views if you have you have experience of being prescribed strong opioids for chronic non-cancer pain. Please get in touch.

Who are we looking for?

To take part you need to be:

- 18 years old or over;
- Previously prescribed (as long as not more than 3 years ago and not within the last 6 months) a strong opioid for chronic pain that is not caused by cancer.
 - Strong opioids for this study are: buprenorphine, diamorphine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, meperidine, morphine, oxycodone, pethidine, tapentadol and tramadol.
 - Please note that in order to be eligible, oral (tablet) tramadol doses need to be at least 400mg per day, and buprenorphine patches must be 20mcg/hr – they are considered to be weak opioids below this strength.
- Able and willing to attend two focus groups in Glasgow to share your views with others in the same position.

As a 'thank you' for taking part, we will provide a light lunch, refreshments and a £20 shopping voucher to acknowledge the time you give to this.

Interested or would like to find out more? Please contact the research team using the details below and share your views with us on this important issue.

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