

Welcome to the Arnold Lodge Follow-up Study (ALACRITY)

We're doing a study that started in 2003 called ALACRITY and we want to tell you about it.

We've looked at the background of **600 people** who were in Arnold Lodge from 1983 to 2003 and then studied what happened to them. For example, we've looked at what sort of mental health services people used after they left Arnold Lodge and whether they were involved in any more offences.

We now want to extend the study to include everyone admitted before the end of June 2013 and also to look at what happened to all of the original people to the end of June 2013.

We have had to get special permission from the Government to be able to collect and share information such as names, dates of birth and NHS numbers of people admitted to Arnold Lodge before July 2013 with NHS Digital to obtain Hospital Episode Statistics and Office for National Statistics data. We also got permission from Ministry of Justice to share some information so we could have information on offending. This was linked to information from people's Arnold Lodge records so we could see what happened to them after they were admitted.

The benefit of research like this is that improvements can be made to services to help you achieve the best quality of life possible. We have made sure that we have used this information properly and we have to comply with the **Data Protection Act** and the Trust's policies regarding the use of information about people.

The way we report the information means you cannot be identified and you will always remain anonymous.

You will only be included if you have been an inpatient at Arnold Lodge before July 2013.

If you have any concerns about this research, please discuss them with the Research Study Team (contact details below). You have the opportunity to opt out of this Research Study. If this is your preference please contact the Research Study Team. They can be contacted on simon.gibbon@nottshc.nhs.uk or 0116 207 7755.