



## Plain Language Statement

### Researcher Information

Title of the project: Barriers and Facilitators to the Use of Remote Monitoring Models

Location: Discipline of General Practice (College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences), University of Galway, Ireland.

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### Introduction

Thank you for your interest in this study. We would like to invite patients, technology developers, and healthcare professionals with past or current experience in remote monitoring models to participate in a study led by Prof. Paul O'Connor (Researcher at the University of Galway) and Mrs. Sara Cucurachi (Marie Skłodowska-Curie PhD student at the University of Galway)

Before you decide whether you wish to take part or not, you should read the information provided below. You should be clear about the risks and benefits of taking part in this study so that you can make a decision that's right for you. This process is known as 'Informed Consent'.

### Why is this study being done?

Remote monitoring models offer a hospital-led alternative to traditional inpatient care. As these models become more prevalent, it is crucial to understand how stakeholders—including patients, healthcare professionals, and technology developers—can be effectively supported in their implementation. This study aims to explore the barriers and facilitators to adopting remote monitoring models from the perspectives of those directly involved.

### What Happens If I Decide Not To Participate?

You don't have to take part in this study. Choosing not to take part will not have any consequences. You can also decide to decline to offer any particular information or withdraw from the study at any moment.

### Who Is Organising And Funding This Study?

This study is funded by a Marie-Curie Doctoral Training Grant (Grant agreement No 101072843) and organized by the Discipline of General Practice (College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences), University of Galway.

### Why Am I Being Asked To Take Part?

You are being asked to participate because you have experience with Remote Monitoring Models.



### **What Can I Expect If I Agree To Take Part?**

You will participate in a semi-structured interview where you will be asked about your experiences and opinions on remote monitoring models. The interview will take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete.

### **What Are The Benefits For Me Taking Part?**

You will be given a €25 One4All gift voucher as compensation for the time spent participating in the study. By participating in this study, you will help deepen our understanding of why individuals may be hesitant to engage with remote monitoring models. This valuable insight will be used to develop improved support strategies and encourage greater adoption of these models.

### **What Are The Risks?**

The only potential risk is that you could be identified as a participant in the event of a data breach. However, this is very unlikely as your data will be stored on the University of Galway's double-authenticated cloud storage system, and the audio recording of your interviews will be destroyed once they have been transcribed.

### **What Do I Need To Know About How The Data Will Be Used?**

Your anonymous data will be aggregated, and the findings will be reported as a publicly available journal article or report.

### **What Do I Need To Know About How My Data Will Be Protected?**

Your anonymous data will be stored on the double authenticated and password-protected University of Galway cloud server. Your data will be kept for seven years after the conclusion of the project and then destroyed

### **Where Can I Get Further Information?**

You can get further information from Sara Cucurachi, email: [sara.cucurachi@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:sara.cucurachi@universityofgalway.ie), email: [paul.oconnor@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:paul.oconnor@universityofgalway.ie)

If you wish to contact a neutral third party, email [ethics@universityofgalway.ie](mailto:ethics@universityofgalway.ie) to communicate with the Coordinator or Chair of the University of Galway Research Ethics Committee

For further information please visit: <https://www.universityofgalway.ie/data-protection/>