

## Can you choose which research projects your child takes part in?

**Yes**, you can tell us if there are particular types of research you would or wouldn't be interested in.

We will put this on your child's records.

## Will your child's details be kept confidential?

**Yes**. Your child's confidentiality and the security of their personal data is paramount. If you have concerns about your child's confidentiality, talk to a member of staff or email

[CaldicottGuardian@slam.nhs.uk](mailto:CaldicottGuardian@slam.nhs.uk)

## Who can you talk to about C4C?

Your child's nurse, psychiatrist, occupational therapist, psychologist, social worker or anyone else at SLaM who your child is seeing.

## What if you agree to C4C – and then change your mind?

Just tell your child's key worker, or anyone else from SLaM that you and your child are seeing. They will update your child's record.

You may be contacted by a researcher after your child has been discharged - you can also let them know if you would like them to be removed from the register.

## Our research is already helping people:

- A new way to help people with sleep problems
- A better way of helping new mothers. This helps both the mother's mental health and the baby's development.
- Using brain scans to help diagnose dementia earlier

“**It felt important to me to improve the understanding of my condition in future**”

## Contact Us

Call: **020 7848 0644**

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Consent for Contact (C4C)

**Research -  
helps us, helps you,  
together we can  
make it happen**

Information for parents and guardians  
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# C4C: What's it about? Research helps people with mental health issues

## What are we asking for?

### For you to let our researchers:

- Get in touch if they think your child might be able to help with or benefit from a particular study. This could be because of symptoms your child has, services they have used, or medications he/she is taking.
- To look at your child's electronic notes at the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust. These are the records we keep of his or her care and treatment. As with all care records, this may contain sensitive data.

## What sort of research are we talking about?

Finding out what causes mental health problems and what can be done to help.

These issues include anxiety, psychosis and physical health problems - in adults, children and older people.

## Who does this research?

Projects that have been approved in NHS Services, which includes:

- Your child's local NHS mental health service - South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
- The Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience at King's College London



## What will happen if you agree to C4C?

- If we contact you about a research project, you and your child can decide if they would like to take part - or not
- If there is no research that your child can help with at the moment, you won't hear anything from us until there is
- If we do have a suitable project, our researchers will be in touch
- They will give you the information you and your child need to decide.

## Do you have to agree to C4C?

No - you don't have to give us any reason and it won't affect your child's care or treatment.

## If you are contacted - and agree to take part - what might your child have to do?

Depending on the project, they might:

- Be interviewed - once or a few times
- Do computer games
- Keep a diary of their symptoms
- Take part in commercially funded studies