PLORAS Consultee Information Sheet

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Predicting Language Outcome and Recovery After Stroke

Who can be a consultee?

A consultee is a person who is:

- involved in the participant's care
- interested in the participant's welfare
- willing to help
- not a professional or paid care worker

They will probably be a family member but could be another person (i.e. close friend).

What does a consultee do?

The consultee advises what the participant's wishes and feelings would be if they could consent themselves, and whether they should take part in the research. The consultee does not give consent, only advice.

They will be asked to:

- read the PLORAS participant information booklet
- read and sign a consultee declaration
- assist the participant with study activities
- raise any concerns or if they think the participant should be withdrawn

What must a consultee consider?

- why the research is being conducted and what it involves
- whether or not the participant would want to be involved
- what they know of the participant's wishes and feelings, and their interests
- if there is anyone else the participant would want to be consulted on their behalf
- if they know of any advance decisions the participant may have made about participating in research

The consultee should liaise with the participant as much as possible when making their decision, even if they believe they are fully informed of their wishes.

What if the consultee changes their mind?

The role of the consultee is voluntary; they are not obliged to take on the role and may seek independent advice.

If the consultee decides that the participant would not wish to take part it will not affect the standard of care the participant receives in any way. They should inform the researcher as soon as possible to withdraw the participant (if they have already been enrolled).

What if the participant regains their ability to understand the study?

The consultee should inform the PLORAS Team. Any further contact will be made directly to the participant (with or without the consultee's assistance). The participant may be asked to confirm their ongoing consent to take part.

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