

RADAR participant information: brief study summary

What is the RADAR study?

- We are looking at the pros and cons of reducing and potentially stopping antipsychotic medication.

Why is this study important?

- Many people find antipsychotics to be helpful.
- But some people find that they don't like the side-effects or that they might be able to cope without them or at a lower dose.
- Taking part in this study will help us to understand whether it is better to reduce and potentially stop your antipsychotic medication or whether it is better to stay on the same dose. At the moment, we are not sure which is the best type of treatment..

Why have I been invited?

- You have been invited to take part because you are currently being treated with antipsychotic drugs.
- Whether you choose to participate is completely up to you. You are under no obligation to take part if you feel this research is not right for you.

What will happen if I choose to take part?

- A researcher will visit you and will ask you about yourself and your mental health.
- A computer will randomly decide whether you receive the antipsychotic reduction treatment or antipsychotic maintenance treatment. You will have an equal (50%) chance of receiving either treatment
- If you receive the antipsychotic reduction treatment you will (with your psychiatrist) reduce and, potentially, stop taking your antipsychotic medication.
- If you receive the maintenance treatment we will ask you to continue taking your antipsychotic medication as usual for the next 2 years.
- At the end of the study, some people who received the antipsychotic reduction treatment will be asked to talk to a member of the research team about their experience of taking part in the study.

How long will I be in the study?

- You will be involved in the study for 2 years.

Will I be reimbursed for my time?

- You will be given £20 for each research interview.

How many times will I see the researchers?

- The researcher will visit you four times during the study.
- You will be visited once more if you take part in an interview.

Who can I contact for further information?

You or your care-coordinator can contact:

Fidelia or Narin:

Email: fidelia.baah@candi.nhs.uk / Narin.Aker@candi.nhs.uk