



Understanding intention and agency in psychosis

Research Participant Information Sheet (PIS)

You are invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether or not to participate, it is important that you know the purpose of the research and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information and feel free to ask the researcher any questions you may have.

Why have I been invited?

You have been approached by a member of your clinical team as they feel you may be interested in being involved in research.

What is the purpose of the study?

This study is investigating how accurately we can judge social situations. To do this, the study looks at whether we can accurately guess whether a partner on a social game is a real person or not, and how accurately we can judge their intentions. In particular, we are interested in whether social perceptions are affected during periods of stress and mental ill health.

What is involved if I decide to take part?

Taking part in this project will involve meeting a researcher within the research team who will ask you to complete some brief questionnaires and some brief computer tasks where you have to work out whether you are playing another person or not.

The study should take approximately one hour. This meeting will happen only once and you won't be asked to volunteer any more of your time.

All data will be collected anonymously, and you will be assigned a participant number.

We definitely don't expect you to answer any questions that you don't want to. If you are asked any questions from the questionnaires that you'd rather not answer, please say so and the researcher will move on to a different question. You can stop participating at any time without giving a reason.

The study will take place either at an NHS site or at the University at a time and place most convenient for you. You can stop your involvement in the study at any time without giving a reason.

The study will also involve the research team requesting your current diagnosis and prescribed medication from your medical records. The researchers will not have access to any other information on your medical records.

Will I receive payment for taking part?

You will receive £10 for taking part in this study. In addition, as some of the games involve giving and receiving money, any money that you accumulate over the course of the session will be given to you at the end.

Do I need to take part?

No, you do not need to take part, it is entirely your choice, and deciding or not deciding to take part will not affect your care in any way. If you agree to participate, you will need to sign a consent form, which you will be given at the time of the meeting.

Will anyone be able to find out what answers I give?

Firstly, we don't tell your doctor or clinical team what answers you give. To ensure these can't be passed on, we store all our data anonymously with no personal details. This is how we do it:

We store the information sheets and contact details separately – with the information sheets and your contact details being stored in a locked filing cabinet in the Division of Psychiatry. The answers you give are labelled with a participant number, so after the data is collected we can't match them back to anyone personally.

What if I want to leave the study?

If you should want to stop participating in this study, you can withdraw at any time without providing a reason. Your decision will be respected. Any data that is collected before it becomes anonymous will be deleted.

What happens if I lose capacity before taking part?

If you lose capacity (become so unwell you are not able to make informed decisions) between the period of consenting and taking part in the experiment we will make sure you are withdrawn from the study.

What are the advantages of taking part?

The main advantage is contributing to mental health research which we hope will lead to a better understanding of mental health problems and how they relate to social perceptions. We hope that this will contribute to an evidence base that will lead to better treatments in the future. Also, you may enjoy participating – the tasks are essentially brief reasoning games.

What are the disadvantages of taking part?

The study involves meeting with the research team and completing some questionnaires and some brief reasoning tasks. The main disadvantage is donating approximately an hour of your time.

What happens to the results of the research?

The findings from this study will be analysed by the research team and written up into scientific papers for presentation at conferences and for publication, without any reference to any named individuals. We will make the data from the study available so other researchers can conduct further research with it, but only anonymous data will be released so no one can be identified from their responses.

We feel that it is important that you are able to access the research findings and we welcome your feedback. If you would like to request wider information about the study and the findings so far, please contact the researchers using the details below.

Who Has Reviewed the Study?

This research has been reviewed by the London - Dulwich Research Ethics Committee (Rec Number: 18/LO/0022) and the Wellcome Trust.

Contact for Further Information

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints regarding this project, please contact the researcher Dr Vaughan Bell, the study's lead investigator, on 07816 170 658 or at the email address: Vaughan.Bell@ucl.ac.uk

What if something goes wrong or I have a complaint?

If you want to discuss something informally or have an informal complaint you may wish to speak to Dr Vaughan Bell who can try to best answer your questions.

If you wish to talk to complain formally, you can do this through Noclor Research Support with the form found on this page:

<https://www.noclor.nhs.uk/submit-feedback-or-complaint>

Who is funding and sponsoring the study?

This study is being funded by the Wellcome Trust grant awarded to Dr Vaughan Bell. University College London is also sponsoring the research.

If you are not satisfied with something about the study, you can also discuss the study with the Advice and Complaints Service, who can be contacted here:

Phone number: 020 3317 7102

Email address: feedback@candi.nhs.uk