Address of host organisation and NHS clinic/GP practice (where appropriate)

**REMO CARE**

**Study title: Exploring the potential opportunities & challenges in REMOte CARE for COPD**

**Research Ethics Committee Ref:** **22/EM/0061**

Study invitation letter (Patient/Carer)

Date

Dear

We are supporting the REMO CARE research study team at Queen Mary University of London.

Please read this letter from the study team inviting you to take part in a one-off one-to-one interview with them.

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| **STUDY INVITATION LETTER**  Healthcare has shifted to remote delivery (via websites, video link, smartphone, telephone) and some are predicting that remote consultations will continue even after the pandemic. As restrictions are gradually being eased it is timely to consider whether remote consulting is acceptable, and appropriate for the care of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who often also have other conditions.  We would like to hear your views, opinions and insights on this topic. The discussion will be to find out and understand what worked well, what were the challenges and how experience of care could be improved.  In this study we will be speaking to patients with COPD, their carers and health care professionals.  The date and time of the interview will be arranged to suit the people who agree to take part. The interview will take place online or by telephone as per your preference and will last up to an hour. Help and advice on taking part in an online discussion via Zoom will be offered where needed.  A face-to-face option will be available as per your preference (the national and local guidance in place on Covid-19 will be followed for the safety of all participants).  Anything you say will be treated confidentially and remain anonymous.  Please read the enclosed study information sheet that gives you more details about the study. As a thank you for your time and contribution to the study, we will offer you a £30 voucher if you take part.  If you would like to ask any further questions or if you are interested in taking part, please contact [Ratna Sohanpal, [ratna.sohanpal@nhs.net](mailto:ratna.sohanpal@nhs.net) 079 3929 6667].  Yours faithfully,  Dr Ratna Sohanpal, Centre for Primary Care, Wolfson Institute of Population Health  Queen Mary University of London, Yvonne Carter Building, 58 Turner Street, London, E1 2AB. ratna.sohanpal@nhs.net r.sohanpal@qmul.ac.uk 079 39 29 6667 |