

Information sheet, March 2020.

Research project: Marginalisation and the microbe: how to mobilise around antimicrobial resistance without increasing social inequalities.

This research is part of a larger Wellcome Trust funded research programme on mobilisation against antimicrobial resistance which includes studies of changing clinical practice, patient experiences and the evolution of both scientific understanding and policy.

What participation involves

In this part of the programme we would like to interview stakeholders (policy makers, researchers and campaigners) working on health policy, medical research and access to healthcare and hygiene about the ways in which they are engaging with the topic of antimicrobial resistance. We have contacted you because you are working in these fields. We would like to find out about how you came to start this work, how it has developed and how you see antimicrobial resistance.

We would undertake the interviews at time and place to suit you, either at your own or our offices or at another venue of your choosing, or by phone, Skype or other online means, depending on the circumstances. We expect the interview will last no more than an hour. Ideally we would like to record interviews to get an accurate record of what is said. We will ask for your permission before we do this and would destroy the recordings once they have been transcribed.

Transcripts of the interviews will be kept confidential and stored only in an anonymous form. Publications may include quotations from the interviews, but your real name will not be used unless you give us your explicit consent to do so (see Consent Form). If at any point you wish to withdraw we will respect your decision immediately and remove any data not yet included in publications that arose from interviews with you.

About the research and the researchers

The research is being carried out by Catherine Will and researchers working in the School of Law, Politics and Sociology at the University of Sussex in the UK, funded by an Investigator Award from The Wellcome Trust. The research has been reviewed by the Social Sciences and Arts Research Ethics Committee at Sussex. If you have any concerns about the way in which the study has been conducted, you can contact the Chair at c-recss@sussex.ac.uk. The University of Sussex has insurance to cover its legal liabilities in respect of this study.

How to get involved

If you are interested in taking part in this research, please contact Catherine Will using the details provided. Dr Catherine Will, Reader in the Sociology of Science and Technology, School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex. Email: c.will@sussex.ac.uk. Twitter: @will_catherine

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