# Information about a research project in the Court of Protection

Some researchers at the University of Cardiff are doing a project about the Court of Protection. Their names are Phil Fennell, Lucy Series, Julie Doughty and Luke Clements.

## What is the project about?

The project wants to look at lots of files to count the number of people in different types of welfare cases in the Court of Protection. For example, we want to count how many men and how many women are involved in cases in the Court of Protection. We also want to know more about who has applied to the court and the outcome of the case.

## You can say no

If you do not want us to look at the file, that is fine. You can tell the Court of Protection yourself, or ask your solicitor to, using an information sheet they have been sent or by emailing the Court at: **CourtofProtectionHearings@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk**

We will not look at the file if you do not want us to.

## What information will be used?

The researchers will collect some information from your file such as whether you are a man or a woman, your age, who else was involved in the case and what the case is about. The researchers will not write down your name or address.

## Will my information be kept private?

The information will be kept on a computer which will be protected. Only the researchers and the court staff will be able to see the information. We will not tell anybody about your case.

## What information will be published?

We will not publish information about individual cases. We want to publish information about numbers. For example, we want to say how many men and how many women were involved in the files we looked at. Or how many cases involved people’s family, care homes or hospitals.

## Where will the information be published?

The information will be published on the research project website. The researchers will also write articles and reports about it and speak about it at conferences. If you want to find out the results, you can contact them or ask somebody to help you to do this. Or you can look at their website: http://sites.cardiff.ac.uk/wccop/

## Can I speak to the researchers?

We are very happy to talk to you about our project. You can also ask somebody to talk to us on your behalf. For example, you can ask your solicitor or an advocate to ask us questions for you, but we will not be able to discuss details of individual cases.

If you have any questions for us you can phone us on 02920 874344. You can also email us at fennell@cardiff.ac.uk. Or you can write to us at:

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