

Reply Slip

I am interested in learning more about the study.

I understand that I will be able to talk to a researcher and ask questions about the study before deciding whether it is something I want to take part in.

Name:

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“Without the study it is unlikely that I would have been correctly diagnosed. I may have never received the right treatment. Participating is simple and convenient and even if it turned out my psychosis had another cause I would still have been happy to have made steps in research for other patients and rule it out”

Sarah, PPiP study participant

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The study has been reviewed and approved by the East of England Research Ethics Committee (ref: 12/EE/0307)

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Help us understand more about the possible role of the immune system in psychosis

Take part in a new research study:

The Prevalence of Pathogenic Antibodies in Psychiatric Illness (PPiP) study



Why is this research important?

There is some evidence that points to the body's immune system being one of the causes of psychosis. The immune system is meant to keep us safe from infections and disease.

Sometimes the immune system mistakenly attacks healthy parts of the body. If the immune system attacks the brain it can become 'inflamed', leading to psychosis. A blood test can often tell us if this might be happening.

If your immune system is not working properly there are treatments that may help. To offer these treatments we need to be able to routinely identify the people whose immune systems might be contributing to their psychosis.

This is what the PPIp study is all about.

What will happen if I take part?

We will collect a small sample of blood from you and other people with psychosis symptoms from across the country. If you agree, we will study these samples and store them for use in future ethically approved research studies.

We will also collect some information about your symptoms and background. This will take about fifteen minutes. We will offer you £10 to thank you for your time if you decide to take part in the study.

Who can take part in the PPIp study?

We are looking for people aged 18-70 with symptoms of psychosis for longer than two weeks but less than two years.



What about the results?

If your blood test shows that your immune system is not working properly we will discuss this with you. We are exploring a possible treatment in a separate study called SINAPPS2 and you may be able to take part in this study.

How to get involved

If you are interested in finding out more about the study you can:

1. Complete the reply slip and send it back to us.
2. Phone us on [local researcher phone details] or email ppip@psych.ox.ac.uk.
3. Talk to your psychiatrist or doctor.