

Genetic Factors Affecting the Timing of Puberty

Information sheet for family members aged 6-12 yr

Research to find out why some children develop into adults earlier or later than others

What is this study?

Research is a way to find out answers to questions. We want to find out why some children develop into adults earlier or later than others. We would like you to let us to take a blood sample from you.

Why have I been asked to take part?

You have been asked to take part because someone in your family has developed from a child to an adult earlier or later than expected. Your blood sample will help us to see if there is something that is causing this difference in your family.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. You will be asked on another piece of paper if you would like to take part. You don't have to do this and you can change your mind at any time. **If you don't want to take part, no one will be upset with you**

What will happen if I take part?

We will need to take one small sample of blood (this means having a needle put into a vein in your arm in order get the blood).

How will joining in help?

The information we get might help treat young people who are early or late to develop from a child into an adult with better medicines in the future.

Will anyone else know I am doing this?

Only your parents, your family doctor (GP) and the people doing the research will know that you are taking part.

Did anyone else check the study is OK to do?

A group of people called the London-Chelsea Research Ethics Committee have checked that the study is OK to do. We are also asking your parents permission. The study is being conducted as part of an educational project (PhD).

Who can I contact to find out more about this study?

If you have any questions please contact the following:

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