

Dear Parent / Carer

We would like to invite you and your child to take part in a project looking at the quality of asthma care for young people in your area.

Why are we doing this project?

Asthma is the most common long-term condition among young people. We know that different age groups interact with healthcare services, including asthma services, in different ways. We are interested in hearing from young people and their parents/carers about how the asthma services in your area have been working for you.

We are also interested in hearing from professionals involved in planning and delivering the care in your area about their experiences of the services. We are running a project which will consist of a single event whereby young people, their parents/carers and professionals can talk about the strengths of current asthma services in their area and identify areas for improvement.

This project is a great opportunity to have your opinions on asthma care heard by professionals who are involved in planning the services. The Connecting Care for Children team at St Mary's Hospital works closely with the GP practices in your area and is interested in working together to improve asthma care.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part because your child has asthma and is registered with a GP practice in the area in which the evaluation is taking place.

What does the project involve?

The project involves attending an event which will last for approximately 2 hours. To start the event we will show a short (20-minute) live simulation showing the journey of a young person with asthma.

After this we will break into small groups to have discussion about the simulation you have just watched to find out whether it is similar or different to your family's experience of asthma care in your area. The groups will also discuss strengths and areas for improvement in current asthma services. At the end of the event we will ask you to complete a short evaluation form letting us know what you thought of the event.

The **first 25 young people to attend** the event will be given a **£10 amazon gift voucher** to thank you for taking part.

When and where is the project taking place?

The project is taking place on **11th June** between **4 and 6pm** at the **White City Community Centre** (India Way, White City, London W12 7QT)

Can I get more information on the project?

We will provide you with more information on the day including an information sheet and a consent form to confirm that you are happy to take part.

If you have any questions or would like further information before the event please do not hesitate to contact Martha Fawcett via the email address below.

If you would like to attend the event please RSVP to m.fawcett1@nhs.net

Thank you for taking the time to read this, we hope to see you on 11th June!