



RESEARCHER TESTIMONIALS

Diabetes Long COVID Study (2022)

“Overall the use of the SHARE register has provided a large boost to the study in a timely fashion and it has enabled us to move forward in a significant leap. SHARE is obviously very well suited for helping with remote surveys and we are delighted to see the large geographical spread of participants from across the whole of Scotland. The strategy of using SHARE has worked out better than we could have hoped for.”

Researcher, Dundee University

PIVUC Study (2022)

“The SHARE Team has been fantastic and extremely helpful in assisting us to recruit volunteers for the PIVUC study. I don’t think we could have recruited the number needed without help from SHARE.”

Researcher, Dundee University

Atrial Fibrillation Study (2022)

“This is an incredible service. Very proactive and efficient. The communication from the whole team was frequent and again very efficient. The application process was straightforward and the response very quick. We particularly appreciated/admired the web-based service for participant information sharing. We are now going to ensure we incorporate SHARE into any future bids.”

Researcher, Napier University

UNIQUE Study (2022)

“Thanks so much to the whole SHARE team for your help with this study. Not having used SHARE before, I was very grateful to have the opportunity to discuss the study with you before applying and the flexibility re: budget and your commitment to helping us meet our recruitment goals with the funds we had available was hugely appreciated. The only challenge I think was around finding suitable people quickly, but this was down to our study requirements of needing to find people in employment and also needing potential participants to also complete a screening questionnaire. Thank you for all of your help – it would have been very, very challenging to have met our recruitment target on time without your support!”

Researcher, University of Aberdeen

“Thanks so much for all of your help with this study. All of your work helping to find suitable people and to help us meet our recruitment target is hugely appreciated! Thanks so much – it’s been great working with you.”

Researcher, University of Aberdeen

COVBOOST Study (2021)

“SHARE did a fantastic job in helping us to recruit to COVBOOST.

I just wanted to thank you and the SHARE team for your outstanding help with identifying and contacting potential participants for CovBoost. We wait in anticipation for the response. We are grateful to you for undertaking this work in such a short timeframe and will ensure that we publicise and acknowledge the work of the SHARE team.”

Researcher, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

COVID-19 Antibody testing (2021)

“Lovely to hear from you and of course, please do share the news! We are currently working on 2 manuscripts and your contribution will be acknowledged for these, but it would be great if you can also share that your samples played the key part in the assay development! Delighted for that!”

Researcher, University of Aberdeen

UKRI Childcare and Wellbeing in Times of Covid-19: Developing Crisis-resilient Care Solutions (2021)

“Working with SHARE was just a great experience. Professionalism, friendly environment, competent service. From the beginning until the end of our fieldwork, we were extremely satisfied with SHARE’s highly competent service and friendly approach. We had very demanding sampling requirements and no matter how hard this was, SHARE approached it positively, gave us relevant guidance and did their best to achieve what we asked for. The communication was amazing, they always answered our questions quickly and adapted to our instructions in a blink of an eye. Finishing the fieldwork of our rapid-response project on time would never be possible without SHARE!”

Researcher, University of Edinburgh

Healthcare Improvement Scotland Citizen's Panel (2021)

“SHARE provided a very good service at a reasonable cost, and was also very efficient. We never quite reached the numbers we hoped for but that was up to individual SHARE members to decide to join our Citizens’ Panel or not. The process was clear from the start, and SHARE kept us up to date and were always available to answer questions.”

Researcher, Healthcare Improvement Scotland

CovidLife survey (2020)

“SHARE helped us enormously to recruit participants. Without SHARE our sample size would have been considerably smaller.”

Researcher, University of Edinburgh

Use of Surplus Bloods from Patients with Cancer to Identify Tumour Antigens Presented on HLA Molecules (2020)

“SHARE has proved to be an excellent resource to rapidly identify and source relevant patient materials. The staff have been outstanding in their response to questions and have all been extremely helpful. SHARE is a resource that I fully anticipate to be using many times in the future”.

Researcher, School of Medicine, University of St Andrews

Artificial Intelligence for treatment and management of COPD (2018)

“We needed SHARE to distribute a questionnaire to people with COPD. The questionnaire sought patients’ views on an artificial intelligent APP for managing COPD. Given the demography of people with COPD we did not expect a great response to a request involving smartphones and AI and hoped for between 30 and 50 responses. SHARE turned around the request in around two weeks and delivered 187 responses! I would advise everyone doing research with patients in Scotland to use SHARE and will certainly use it again.”

Chief Executive, Pharmatics

Eye Tracking (2016)

“We used the SHARE database to assist with the recruitment of control participants for our Visual Fields Study. The SHARE team did a great job identifying the correct individuals required for the study. The tailored database, which was provided, had all the information we required in order for us to contact and track the individuals who agreed to take part and were pleased with the resulting numbers recruited to the study. Without the use of the SHARE database we would not have been able to meet the target number of control subjects required. As a research coordinator with the University I would definitely use SHARE to assist with other projects that I am involved in. We definitely benefited from using the SHARE database service, it would have been extremely difficult to reach our goal in terms of the number of ‘control’ participants otherwise.”

Researcher, University of Edinburgh

Reversing endometrial glucocorticoid deficiency in heavy menstrual bleeding

“Our experience of using the SHARE register was good. Identifying potentially suitable women for the DexFEM trial from SHARE was quite difficult, given the condition we were studying (conditions such as diabetes or COPD for example would I think be much more straightforward) so we did not recruit large numbers to our study, but nevertheless appreciate the support and input we received from all SHARE staff.”

Researcher, University of Edinburgh

A randomised controlled trial comparing laparoscopic cholecystectomy with observation/conservative management for preventing recurrent symptoms and complications in adults with uncomplicated symptomatic gallstones (2016)

“In brief, that the SHARE register was helpful to identify people who had had surgical removal of their gallbladder but not so helpful to identify those with gallstones (and even then there were some learning issues around identification of those with uncomplicated disease) who had not had surgery (twitter was better for this)”

Researcher, University of Aberdeen

Structural CNS changes, neuropsychological impairment and sleep disorder in type 1 myotonic dystrophy: a genotype-phenotype study (2016)

“We identified highly suitable control participants, who were well briefed before being contacted by me, and I found the electronic interface easy to use.”

Researcher, University of Edinburgh

Helicobacter Pylori infection and acid secretory function of entire gastric mucosa and of mucosa close to the gastroesophageal junction in healthy volunteers (2015)

“The SHARE register has been invaluable in helping us recruit healthy volunteers into our study. In previous years it has been extremely difficult to find asymptomatic volunteers who are willing to undergo an invasive procedure like endoscopy. SHARE has made recruitment a much easier process and as a result we are close to achieving our target number well within our time frame.”

Researcher, University of Glasgow

The Effect of Spironolactone on Pain in Older People with Osteoarthritis (2014)

"I encourage all older people to register with SHARE. A key way to improve the health and life of older people is to increase opportunities for their participation in research. As a clinical researcher I use the SHARE register to recruit to clinical trials involving older adults. The SHARE register is a great asset which is improving month-by-month as more people join".

Researcher, University of Dundee

SHARE, the Scottish Health Research Register and Biobank, is an NHS Research Scotland (NRS) initiative created to establish a register of people, aged 11 years and over, who:

- have consented to be contacted for medical research
- can also consent to their left-over blood (following routine tests), to be used for anonymised research

SHARE CAN HELP YOU:

- **ACHIEVE RECRUITMENT OBJECTIVES** by providing eligible and willing participants for studies
- **OBTAIN PSEUDONYMISED RESEARCH SAMPLES FOR STUDIES**
- **ADVERTISE YOUR STUDIES INVOLVING SHARE** on our website

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

- 1) You can call us or submit a feasibility form if you just want to “look and see” if SHARE has the potential participants / samples you are interested in.
- 2) You submit a FULL STUDY APPLICATION for the Register and/or Biobank; this should include NHS ethics and R&D approvals.
- 3) The SHARE Studies Access Committee review the application and respond with a decision (usually within 5 – 7 days).
- 4) Once you have received approval, the Health Informatics Centre (SAFE HAVEN) carry out the search for suitable participants based on the selection criteria on the application form.
- 5) Contact details for potential participants are sent to SHARE on a web-based tracker.
- 6) SHARE contacts the suitable participants about the study and may also ask them additional clarifying questions.
- 7) Eligible participants who are willing to “hear more” about your study will be passed to you via the password protected tracker.

Please get in touch today for more information studies@registerforshare.org

[Watch our videos on YouTube](#) – Professor McKinstry explains how the SHARE Register and Biobank can help you with recruitment, samples and data for your studies.