



## RESEARCHER TESTIMONIALS

### **UKRI Childcare and Wellbeing in Times of Covid-19: Developing Crisis-resilient Care Solutions**

“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*

### **Artificial Intelligence for treatment and management of COPD**

“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**

“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*

### **The Effect of Spironolactone on Pain in Older People with Osteoarthritis**

"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*

### **Helicobacter Pylori infection and acid secretory function of entire gastric mucosa and of mucosa close to the gastroesophageal junction in healthy volunteers**

“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*

### **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**

“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**

“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*

**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 triage them.
- 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](mailto:studies@registerforshare.org)