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Dear Research & Development Department

The FORCE:SEE Study (Frailty and Outcomes Measures in Clinical Environments: probable Sarcopenia, geriatric Evaluation, and Events) is a multi-centre study involving all four nations of the UK. This study is designed to be entirely representative of real-world clinical environments. The protocol for this study has been designed in such a way to enable recruitment and data collection by clinicians who are embedded within the direct care team. Involvement in this study will not be associated with any additional costs to the NHS trust, and we are not expecting redeployment of staff to assist with this study. Patients will be assessed during their hospital admission and will not be required to return to the hospital after they have been discharged.

Recruitment and data collection for this study will be led by the clinicians working within the clinical environments from which patients will be recruited, namely medical staff employed on training contracts. Trainee doctors will use their dedicated supporting professional activities time to conduct data collection for the study; the clinical service will not be affected by this study. The Geriatric Medicine Research Collaborative have previously successfully conducted multiple projects using this model.

The potential benefits of this study are significant, and will pave the way for future interventional studies. Older adults remain one of the most vulnerable groups, and yet remain frequently excluded from research; this study aims to overcome these challenges. The FORCE:SEE study has been funded by the British Geriatrics Society, which enables inclusion of the study within the NIHR Portfolio. Accruals for research participation will be made available in line with current policy.

Please feel free to contact us should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



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