

DEVELOPMENT OF CORE OUTCOME SETS FOR EFFECTIVENESS TRIALS OF INTERVENTIONS TO PREVENT
AND/OR TREAT DELIRIUM IN LONG TERM CARE (DEL-CORS)

EMAIL INVITATION

Dear (insert name),

You are invited to take part in a research study we are working on, which is entitled: *Development of core outcome sets for effectiveness trials of interventions to prevent and/or treat delirium in long term care.*

Our aim is to develop international consensus on a core outcome set for research studies which assess interventions to prevent or treat delirium. A core outcome set (COS) is an agreed set of outcomes that all such studies should seek to measure. If all future interventions for delirium report these outcomes, it makes it easier to compare their effectiveness, and combine data for similar interventions to identify benefits and harms that are otherwise too small to be detected. This supports clinical staff to more rapidly identify the best interventions for the condition.

As part of this study, we are conducting online surveys as part of a Delphi process. This involves asking participants to rate a range of outcomes which have been identified at an earlier stage of the project based on how important you think they are. We are recruiting survivors of delirium, their family members, expert clinicians, and researchers in delirium care. We would be very grateful if you would be willing to complete two on-line surveys as part of this Delphi process. Each should take no more than 30 minutes to complete.

If you are interested, please access the survey using the following link:

https://delphimanager.liv.ac.uk/Delirium_LTC/

This will take you to a welcome page where you will be given more information about the research project and what would be involved if you took part. You can also contact us in the study team for more information. If you do wish to participate, then you will complete an online consent form, and then be able to access the survey.

We will also be looking for participants who have completed the survey to take part in a workshop to review the survey findings, and to confirm the final list of outcomes to be included in the Core Outcome Set. This will be conducted in the Autumn of 2022. We may contact you to see if you would be interested in taking part in this.

Many thanks