VIVALDI Study

Information for Care Home Residents

What is the VIVALDI Study?

The VIVALDI study is a national government-funded research project led by the University College London (UCL) and supported by your care home. The aim of the study is to find out how many care home staff and residents have been infected with COVID-19, how the infection spreads and how effective the COVID-19 vaccines are.

Why is this study important?

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely affected care homes and many residents have died from the infection, but we still lack information about what care homes can do to stop infections. We also need to monitor how well vaccines are working in residents and staff. Our research results are regularly fed back to the government and to public health agencies so that they can make the best decisions about how to protect care homes from infection.

What information will you collect?

We will be collecting information that is already being collected by the NHS. This includes your COVID-19 swab test results, vaccinations, hospital admissions, and any deaths from your care

What are the benefits of taking part in the study?

By taking part in the VIVALDI Study, you will be helping us answer important questions about the COVID-19 infection and how well the vaccines work in staff and residents in care homes. This will help us prevent and reduce infections, hospital admissions and deaths from COVID-19 in care homes.

What will happen with the results of this study?

The results will be published in scientific and medical journals and presented at conferences attended by professionals with an interest in the area. All data will be anonymised before publication.

What should I do if I don't want my data to be included?

If you have any concerns or need more information about the study, please speak with your care home manager and they will provide you with our <u>full list of FAQs</u>. If you still don't want us to use your non-identifiable information, your care home manager will give you a form you will need to complete to opt-out of sharing your data.