

R4VaD study – Short Information Sheet version 1.2: 7th June 2018



What is this study about?

• We would like you to take part in a research study to find out what happens to memory, mood and thinking ability after a stroke or mini-stroke.



Soon after your stroke (between 24h and 6 weeks):

- We will ask you if you would like to take part.
- We will then ask you (and maybe a family member or friend) some extra questions about your thinking, mood and memory.
- We will also collect information from your local hospital records, now and later.



A short time after your first assessment (4-8 weeks):

- We will ask you some questions again, with more details.
- This may occur in a clinic, on the hospital ward, or by post or phone whichever is suitable for you.



Is there anything else?

- There may be small extra studies, for example, a brain scan and/or blood pressure measurements, but we will ask you about these separately.
- We would also like to be able to tell you about new studies in the future in case you are interested in joining.
- We would like to make your study information available anonymously to other researchers in the world to answer medical research questions.



Yearly after your stroke (up to 4 years):

- A researcher will contact you to see how you are, if you have had any problems, and how well you have recovered.
- We would like to collect information about you from central NHS records about any new illnesses, hospital admissions, or other health problems.



Risks:

- There are no extra treatments involved, so risk is low.
- The questions are designed to stop if you get tired.



During the study:

- If you have any questions, then please ask.
- You may decide you do not want to take part any more. This will not affect any of your care now, or in the future.
- We would like to know if you are happy to stay in the study if you become unable to make decisions for yourself.
- A person who knows you well may be able to answer questions for you.
- We will always keep your information in strictest confidence.