

Completing the interview will take up some of your time. (We do not offer advice on vaccinations, but can refer you to other organisations for advice and support)

Your interview will help us find out more about the experiences and opinions of pregnant and recently pregnant women regarding vaccinations during pregnancy, what the reasons for low vaccination uptake in South London are, and on how things could be improved in the future. It will also be an opportunity for you to talk about your experiences and views to an attentive listener. At the same time, you will be contributing to a research study.

Interviews are usually conducted with the participant alone, but if you want to attend with another person, or if you are in need of support for any reasons you are free to bring another person. If so, please let us know beforehand, if possible.

If you decide to join a focus group discussion, and wish a pregnant or recently pregnant friend to attend the same discussion, please let us know beforehand, so we can arrange for you to be in the same group if possible.

Please let us know if you need this information sheet to be translated into another language and/or if you need an interpreter for the interview or focus group discussion and we can arrange this. If you think you do not need an interpreter, but cannot speak and understand as well as an average native speaker, the researcher will make sure to speak slowly, repeat questions in different words and/or try to find other ways to communicate and make you feel comfortable.

Yes. You just need to tell the researcher that you don't want to be in the study anymore and we will no longer contact you. If you change your mind during the interview or focus group discussion, tell the researcher. They will then stop the interview or interrupt the focus group discussion and you can leave at any time. You do not have to give a reason for wanting to end the interview or leave the focus group discussion. If you withdraw from the study after having completed part or all of the interview or focus group discussion, we will need to use the data collected on you up to this point in time. Similarly, if you lose capacity to consent at any point in time, we will need to use the data collected on you up to that point in time. In summary, you can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving a reason, but we will keep information about you that we already have. We need to manage your records in specific ways for the research to be reliable. This means that we won't be able to let you see or change the data we hold about you.

You can contact a member of the research team if there is a problem (Dr Sima Berendes, tel. 078 9515 3469, or email sima.berendes@lshtm.ac.uk).

details. People will use this information to do the research or to check your records to make sure that the research is being done properly. People who do not need to know who you are will not be able to see your name or contact details. Your data will have a code number instead. We will keep all information about you safe and secure. Once we have finished the study, we will keep some of the data so we can check the results. We will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study. No one will be able to trace anything said in the interview back to you as an individual. The researchers will also keep all information provided during the focus group discussion confidential. With your permission, we will audio record the interview/group discussion. The audio-recording will be transcribed by the researchers or a professional transcription service provider, who will be bound by a confidentiality agreement. The transcript from the interview/group discussion will be stored anonymously, that is, your personal details won't be connected to what you say in the interview/group discussion.

If you choose to tell us that you are at risk of harm, for example your partner has kicked, hit, slapped or otherwise physically hurt you or your child, then we would want to help you. We would prioritise your safety. Dr Cari Free (a GP) would contact you and check it is convenient to talk. However, for your own/your baby's / your child's safety we could not promise to keep that information confidential. Everything else you say in the interview or focus group discussion will remain confidential.

After we have completed interviewing participants, we will analyse what everyone has said to help us better understand people's views, opinions and experiences and think about possible ways to improve how pregnant women are told about and offered different types of vaccinations in the future.

The results will be published in a scientific journal so that other people know about it. If you would like a copy of the results once they are available you may request a copy via email
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Research Ethics Committee, to protect your interests. This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Research Ethics Committee