



WHEAT Topic guide for health professionals

Qualitative Study

- **Purpose of research** – identifying what works and what are obstacles to recruitment/ consent to randomisation, and identifying health professionals' views on using a simplified approach to consent.
- **Background** – professional role, level of experience, training for WHEAT, previous experience of clinical trials.
- **Experience of inviting parents to take part in WHEAT**
 - Overall
 - How do you explain the trial to parents? (Could you explain it to me?) (Prompt: benefits/ risks, randomisation)
 - When do you typically initially discuss the WHEAT trial with parents (on the first update in NICU/after a few days/dependent on baby's condition/when blood transfusion is needed)?
 - Do you tailor the information for individual parents? (if so, how – consideration of type of hospital unit)
 - What questions do parents ask?
 - How do parents react to the timing of the invitation?
 - Are you normally involved in the care of the baby anyway, irrespective of the trial (i.e. is there some existing relationship with parents)?
 - Do you see any patterns in who consents/ doesn't consent?
 - What factors do you think affect parents' willingness to participate?
 - In what ways is this similar or different to other trials? (Prompts: 'opt out', timing, etc)
- **Thoughts on 'opt out' process**
 - Ethical? Practical?
 - How do parents feel about this approach? What about compared to a more usual approach (with a signed form and "opt-in").
- **Thoughts on improving recruitment**
 - Do you have any suggestions for improving the language we use to describe WHEAT to parents?
 - Is there anything else we should do differently?

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