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National Research Study – A Survey of Carers’ Experiences of Caring for Older People

The National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP) at University College Dublin (UCD) is undertaking a study to explore carers’ experiences of stress, coping and conflict when caring for an older person. The Department of Social Protection has agreed to facilitate this survey by sending questionnaires to a randomly selected sample of carers in receipt of a carer’s allowance.

The survey will collect information on carers’ health, caregiving activities, available social and professional support and the conflicts that may arise when providing care to an older person. The results of the survey will be used to make recommendations on how caring for older people can be improved.

Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary, however if you receive a questionnaire in the post, we would encourage you to support this study by completing and returning the questionnaire in the stamped-addressed envelope provided.

The survey is completely anonymous and confidential and has been reviewed and approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at UCD.

Your participation with this survey would be greatly appreciated. Please be assured that your participation will in no way affect your welfare payments.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Dr. Attracta Lafferty, Project Lead on (01) 716 6467 or email attracta.lafferty@ucd.ie.