

AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH: THE GENVASC STUDY

You will shortly be having your NHS Health Check. As you know the purpose of this is to assess your risk of getting heart disease. The health check is very good at identifying people at high risk so that we can treat them to prevent heart disease developing, but sometimes people who seem to have low or medium risk still develop heart disease. We would like to find out if we can make the health check more accurate at predicting who will develop heart disease in the future by including genetic information.

To find this out, our GP Practice is doing a research project with the Leicester Biomedical Research Centre based at Glenfield Hospital, which is led by Professor Nilesh Samani. This project will test whether the addition of genetic information can improve the accuracy of the health check. We would like to invite you to participate in this project. Participation is simple and more information is provided in the enclosed leaflet. <https://www.leicesterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/6.-167617-Abbreviated-PIS-Version-3.0-12092013-English.pdf>

Participation is at the same time as your health check and does not involve any additional time, treatment or follow-up. Your participation is entirely voluntary.

Your Healthcare Professional will discuss this with you at the time of your health check and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The practice is pleased to support this important research and hope that you will consider participating.

Yours sincerely,

The Practice Team