

PATIENT SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET

Study Title: **PREVENTT** (Preoperative intravenous iron to treat anaemia in major surgery)

Would you like to help us by taking part in an important study for the NHS?

Why are we contacting you?

We are contacting you as you are due to have an operation soon and as part of the tests done before your surgery, we have found that you have anaemia. At the moment, most patients either take iron tablets or have a blood transfusion to treat their anaemia.

What is the study about?

This study is looking at whether a different treatment can help treat anaemia before surgery. We think that treating anaemia before your operation might reduce the need for a blood transfusion. Also it may help speed up your recovery after surgery and reduce the length of your stay in hospital. To do this we are asking patients like you to consider taking part and you will either receive an infusion (drip) of iron or saline (a placebo treatment). This will be decided at random using a computer. We can then see if there is a difference between these two groups at the end of the study.

What does it involve?

This study involves attending hospital to have the infusion (drip) at least 10 days before your surgery is planned to happen. You will then be followed up by the research team when you are admitted to hospital for your surgery, 8 weeks after your operation and 6 months after your operation. You may need to attend the hospital for an extra visit and if you do, your travel costs will be covered by the study. There can be some side effects from the iron infusion and these are in a more detailed information sheet.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in taking part, please get in touch with your local research team using the details below. Before you consent to take part in the study, a member of your research team will discuss a more detailed information sheet with you.

Principal Investigator:

Research Nurse: