



Learning Alliance

The Learning Alliance (LA)?

We would like to involve a range of stakeholders from Scotland and England in all aspects of our study in order to:

- 1) Help the research team plan the research and focus on what is important for families, practitioners, services and policymakers
- 2) Help the research team translate and disseminate the learning from the study so that our research findings can inform future health and social care for parents who use drugs and their families.

Who will be included in the LA?

We would like to include stakeholders who have an interest in the research and who are willing to work collaboratively to contribute to the project – for example, parents who use drugs and their families, practitioners, service managers, commissioners and policymakers. Parents/family members will receive expenses for taking part.

How will the LA work together?

The research team will organise regular online meetings with small groups of LA members and will facilitate the meetings. Meetings will last about an hour and will be arranged every 6-8 weeks. The research team will work with members to prepare group activities and discussion topics relevant to the research.

Online meetings will be held on MS Teams or similar. With the permission of members, meetings will be audio-recorded by the research team so that learning from the LA meetings can be written up and shared. As we make progress with the study, larger group meetings will be arranged to allow different stakeholders to meet, mix and discuss different aspects of the research.

Contact: If you would like to talk to one of the research team about becoming a LA member, please email Professor Anne Whittaker Anne.Whittaker@stir.ac.uk. We would be delighted to hear from you.

If you would like to know more about the study, visit our website: <https://relations.stir.ac.uk>