

## **QOMS COVID-19 OMFS Trauma Service Evaluation Patient information leaflet**

### **Background**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UK has experienced three phases of lockdown – the latest started in January 2021 in England. NHS resources have been diverted towards managing increasing numbers of COVID patients. There is an urgent need to understand how COVID-19 has affected the practice and care of non-COVID NHS patients.

### **What is the purpose of the study?**

Patients with facial wounds and injuries still need to be treated during lockdown. During the 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown (April – July 2020), a similar study was conducted to evaluate the impact of the measures taken to control the epidemic on OMFS trauma patients (*Puglia et al. British Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bjoms.2020.12.021>*). We want to compare how services and care have adapted after almost a year of implementing those changes.

### **What would taking part involve?**

The study simply records how you were treated and how the treatment you were given might have been affected by the current situation – i.e. would you have been treated differently before Covid-19? Your clinical care will not change based on whether you decided to take part or not. You will not have to undergo any extra tests or procedures. There is nothing else for you to do. Data is collected directly from your medical records regarding your care by your treating team. This data is fully anonymised so that you cannot be identified from it.

### **What are the risks and benefits of taking part?**

These studies present little to no risk for you. The information collected from you are essential to understand how care was affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

### **What information will be collected from me?**

We will collect your age and gender, why you came to hospital and how you were treated.

### **Further information**

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask your doctor about any aspect of this study. You can also visit our website <[insert new webpage](#)> or contact the research team ([qoms@baoms.org.uk](mailto:qoms@baoms.org.uk)) for more or to opt out (please indicate “Opt-out” in the email subject line).