Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Researchers at University College Cork, School of Public Health and Department of General Practice and Participating General Practitioners on study of the implementation of a stroke prevention initiative through structured Atrial Fibrillation (AF), Blood Pressure (BP) and Smoking Risk Detection in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

Introduction to MOU

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is entered into by participating General Practitioners (GP's) and researchers at University College Cork (UCC), hereinafter referred to as "the parties".

Background

This MOU is entered into by the parties in recognition of the potential development of a national screening programme for AF to reduce stroke burden in Ireland; who have common scientific and research interests; and will cooperate in performing the activities stated below.

Specific Research Activities

Activity 1: The GP's are responsible for recruiting and providing the screening service to the target population by following the agreed standard operating procedure (SOP) for which they will receive remuneration. Participating GP's must provide proof of professional indemnity to participate in the study. GP's will be provided with the required training and have a Kardia mobile device supplied to them to carry out the screening process.

Activity 2: Researchers at UCC are responsible for receiving and analysing the anonymised data supplied by the GP's and disseminating findings. Researchers at UCC will provide training to the GP's and support throughout the screening process. Interviews with patients and GP's will be dealt with separately.

Funding

Funding for the research project will be provided by the Health Service Executive (HSE) through UCC and remuneration will be made by UCC directly to the participating GP at a rate of €80 per participant following receipt of a completed clinical report form (CRF).

Agreement

The parties' intentions expressed in this MOU reflect an agreement on the part of GP's to follow
detailed provisions relating to their rights and obligations which will follow in the SOP to be provided prior to commencement of the study and on the part of the researchers to follow the study protocol. Both parties shall be provided with:

- Detailed statement of work (Protocol);
- Detailed statement of work (SOP);
- A list of milestones and schedules for deliverables;
- Information on funding arrangements;
- Exchange of materials, data and software;
- Arrangements for safeguarding of confidential information;
- Compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Roles and responsibilities in administering and managing the study

General Terms

This MOU is effective from the date when both parties have signed it 28/01/2020.
The MOU will remain in force for the duration of the study from the effective date and may be terminated by either party providing 60 days advance notice. The MOU may be extended or amended by mutual consent in writing.

Signed for and on behalf of

School of Public Health and Department of General Practice, University College Cork.

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Signature Name Date

Participating General Practitioner

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Signature Name Date