Why do we need to research this subject?

Traditional orthopaedic care would have provided many of the patients with a hip replacement the opportunity for some follow up beyond six months after their operation. The current economic challenge within healthcare, together with the number of hip replacements in situ, means that this service is no longer sustainable. But for some patients, a well-timed follow up appointment may mean the difference between planned revision surgery with minimal disruption and extensive reconstruction surgery with a slower recovery.

What do we aim to do in this research?

We aim to explore some of the patient-related clinical and cost implications of the follow up of a patient with a hip replacement.

Who will be involved and where will it take place?

This will involve some patients who have had a hip replacement, some who need a revision hip replacement, some members of the public, some health professionals and a number of organisations.

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