## Carer Experience Scale

#### Agreement for use of the Carer Experience Scale

The Carer Experience Scale (CES) has been developed as a measure of care-related utility. It was developed in the UK using a meta-ethnography and semi-structured interviews with carers of older people; values for the UK have been estimated using best-worst scaling. The measure contains six attributes (activities, social support, organisational assistance, fulfilment, control and getting-on), each with three levels. Quantitative studies of the validity of the CES show that it reflects expected differences between groups of carers in their care-related quality of life.

The developers of the CES (contact: Hareth Al-Janabi, University of Birmingham) are, in principle, happy for the measure to be used by other researchers interested in contributing to the study of the measure’s properties, in particular carer and patient groups. Agreement to use the instrument is on the basis that:

* the instrument is not altered in any way, in terms of the nature of attributes, the wording of attributes, the levels of attributes, or the values provided by the research team.
* information resulting from research studies is made available (upon request) for the purposes of assessing validity, reliability, feasibility of use and sensitivity to change, if this was not the primary aim of the study (i.e. if this information is not published by the user).
* use of the instrument is registered and is not for commercial gain

If you would like to use the measure for these purposes, please return a signed copy of this agreement, giving details of your study, and indicating that you wish to use the CES. We will contact you with a letter indicating our agreement for you to use the CES in the named study.

If your needs go beyond those outlined here – for example, if you wish to use the CES in a country outside the UK and thus are unsure about the applicability of wording in your country, please contact the developers of the CES to explore the possibility of conducting further developmental research collaboratively.

#### Details of study

**Name of study**:

**Principal Investigator**:

Contact name:

Contact address:

Contact telephone:

Contact fax:

Contact e-mail:

**Other applicants**:

**Date study begins**:

**Date study ends**:

**Funding body**:

**Total funding for study**:

**Brief abstract** *(please include: carer/patient group, sample size, intervention (if applicable), length of follow-up, nature of follow-up (postal or interviewer administered), other instruments to be administered alongside the CES*:

We would like to use the CES for the purposes outlined in the agreement above and agree to the conditions of use as specified. Completion of this form constitutes agreement to abide by the terms of use outlined in the *Agreement for the use of the Carer Experience Scale*

I am a non-commercial user and use of the instrument will be for academic purposes (please tick) 🞐

Principal Investigator: (Signature)

 (Name)

 (Date)