

Quality of working life of Irish allied health care professionals

Information for Study Participants

What is this project about?

The purpose of this study is to characterize and compare the quality of working life in a number of different allied healthcare professional groups. This includes speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, social care workers, podiatrists and disability nurses. This issue has not been studied to date in Ireland. Quality of working life is a multi-dimensional construct and includes issues such as working conditions, your well-being, work-life balance, etc.

What will be measured?

If you agree to participate, we are asking you to complete the electronic questionnaire, which includes questions on your well-being, your work-life balance, and your work. Completing the questionnaire should take less than 15 minutes.

Who is eligible to take part?

Allied healthcare professionals who have at least one years working experience and are working in Ireland.

Your involvement

Participation in the study is entirely voluntary. You are free to withdraw from the study at any time. Your responses are entirely confidential and no participant or their workplace will be identifiable in the research.

What happens to the information collected?

The data will be collated, analyzed and will form the basis of minor thesis projects for five of our postgraduate students.

Benefits of taking part

There are no direct benefits to you from taking part, but we hope that the information gathered can be used to examine quality of working life issues for your profession and to compare the results with other allied healthcare professionals.

Risks of taking part

It is not envisaged that there will be risks to participants. However, this may be a sensitive topic. If you need further information on work and health, you can find more information at:

Health and Safety Authority (HSA): The HSA is the national statutory body with responsibility for ensuring that Irish workers (employed and self-employed) and those affected by work activity are protected from work related injury and ill-health. The HSA provides advice on their website on a range of workplace hazards. If you have any concerns, you can ring their helpline, or email, or go to their website. (See below).

Telephone: 1890 289 389

Email: wcu@hsa.ie

http://www.hsa.ie/eng/Workplace_Health/Bullying_at_Work/

Further Information

If you wish to ask any more questions about this research project, you can contact the research team at the following.

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If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about this study please contact the Chairperson of the NUI, Galway Research Ethics Committee, c/o The Research office, NUI, Galway. The NUI, Galway Research Ethics Committee can be contacted by telephone: +353 91 495312, fax: +353 91 494591 or by Email: ethics@nuigalway.ie.

Thank you for reading this information and considering taking part in the study