

Dear Participant,

I hope you are well. My name is Niamh Bergin. I am a Senior Occupational Therapist currently undertaking an MSc in Advancing Health and Social Care at the Atlantic Technological University. As part of my MSc programme, I am completing my research dissertation; 'Exploring the Barriers to Evidence-Based Practice for Allied Health Professionals in Ireland: A Quantitative Analysis.'

For my research I am interested in gathering the perspectives of Allied Health Professionals on their use of research evidence in practice and the potential barriers to same. Allied Health Professionals currently practicing in Ireland can participate in this study. Those on career breaks are also included in this study. Unfortunately, AHP students are not included in this study and as such cannot participate in the questionnaire.

If you are interested in taking part please click on the link below which will take you to the questionnaire. The questionnaire will take about 15 minutes to complete and is fully anonymous. You will be asked to read the participation information carefully before signing the online consent form and taking part in the questionnaire.

<https://forms.office.com/r/apUzdH62BN>

I would be more than happy to share the study results with you, which may have potential benefits for research use within your discipline in the future. If you have any further questions about the study please contact me via email (L00162797@atu.ie).

I would be very grateful if you could support participant recruitment for this research by sharing this research opportunity within your professional networks with any Allied Health Professionals who you feel may be interested in taking part.

Kindest regards,

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