

Information Leaflet

‘Exploring Barriers to Research Implementation in Practice for Allied Health Professionals in Ireland.

A Quantitative Analysis.’

Dear Participant,

You have been invited to take part in the above research study. To ensure informed consent it is important for you to have all the relevant information pertaining to the study. Please find below details of the research study, why you are being invited to take part and how your data will be used, should you choose to participate. Please take time to read the following information carefully.

Research Study Information

Why is this study being conducted?

This study is being conducted to determine the barriers to research use in practice, for Allied Health Professionals in Ireland.

Who is on the research team?

This study is being organised by, Niamh Bergin, BSc in Occupational Therapy as part of her dissertation for the MSc in Advancing Health and Social Care. The study will be supervised by Monica McGrath, Lecturer at the Atlantic Technological University, Donegal (ATU). This study is supported by ATU and has received Ethical Approval from the ATU Research Ethics Committee.

Who can participate?

Allied Health Professionals currently practicing in Ireland can participate in this study. Those on career breaks are also included in this study. Unfortunately, Allied Health Professional students are not included in this study and as such cannot participate in the questionnaire. We are keen to hear the about the experiences of practicing Allied Health Professionals’ of using research or Evidence Based Practice in practice.

What is involved in taking part?

This is a quantitative investigation. This means that the study involves gathering quantitative data or information from an online questionnaire. After you have read this information sheet, if you would like to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.

You will then be directed to an online questionnaire where you will be asked to rate your experiences in relation to your use of research or Evidence-Based Practice within your working practice as an Allied Health Professional.

On completion of the questionnaire, you will then be asked if you would like to be contacted with results of the study on publication.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. You may withdraw from the questionnaire at any point without giving a reason. If you complete the questionnaire and later wish to withdraw, you may do this at any time and without penalty. Deciding not to take part or a decision to withdraw will have no consequences.

What are the benefits for me taking part in this research?

There may be no direct benefits to you to taking part in this study. However, your data may provide important information on the barriers to Evidence-Based Practice for Allied Health Professionals in Ireland. This may help with increasing the use of Evidence-Based Practice in the future.

Are there any risks involved in taking part?

This study has been approved by the ATU Research Ethics Committee and there are minimal anticipated risks associated with taking part this study. Data from the questionnaires will be confidential and anonymity will be maintained throughout the study.

Please note if any information is disclosed during the course of this study that may be potentially harmful to you or others, this information will have to be shared.

Data Protection Information

How will my data be used?

Your data will be used to compile findings about the barriers to Evidence-Based Practice among Allied Health Professionals in Ireland. This information will be collated as part of the principal investigator's dissertation for their MSc in Advancing Health and Social Care. Information will also for publication and presentation.

What do I need to know about Data Protection?

Your data will be stored in an encrypted file and a password protected computer. Only the principal investigator and co-investigator will have access to this data. As mentioned, confidentiality will be maintained throughout. In the case of focus groups, pseudonyms will be used in any publications to protect anonymity. Your data will be stored for a minimum of five years and destroyed after no more than ten years in accordance with the Data Protection Acts (1988 and 2003) and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR; 2018).

Who can I contact for more information?

If you have any further questions you can contact the principal investigator on their details outline at the bottom of this leaflet.

Please read this information leaflet carefully before signing the consent form, if you wish to participate in this study.

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