

Information Sheet



“Click, Stick or Quit: Student Motivations to Engage with Digital Drug-Harm Reduction Programmes”

What is the purpose of this document?

Thank you for considering participating in this research project. The purpose of this document is to explain to you what the work is about and what your participation would involve, to enable you to make an informed choice.

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The purpose of this study is to investigate what motivates and demotivates students to engage with digital drug harm reduction programmes. Drug use can cause harm to people, including significant health, social and legal harms. While digital interventions can offer an accessible, useful solution to reduce drug-harm, they are often limited by lack of engagement. This study aims to inform strategies to improve student engagement with on-line drug harm reduction programmes.

What will be required of you if you decide to participate?

Should you choose to participate, you will be asked to take part in a one-to-one interview with the researcher, Jessica Lyne. This interview will be audio-recorded, and is expected to take 45-60 minutes to complete. You will be asked about your opinions on what might motivate or demotivate students to engage in digital intervention for drug harm reduction. You will not be asked any questions about your personal experiences, or the experiences of your friends or other real people with drug use. You will be asked about fictional characters that are used to represent people with different types of drug use experience.

Is participation voluntary?

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. There is no obligation to participate, and should you choose to do so you can refuse to answer specific questions, or decide to withdraw from the interview for up to two weeks following the interview.

Is it possible to withdraw the data provided after the interview?

Once the interview has been concluded, you can choose to withdraw your data at any time in the subsequent two weeks.

How will information be kept anonymous, and who will have access to the data?

All of the information you provide will be kept confidential and anonymous, and will be available only to the researcher, Jessica Lyne, her supervisor, Samantha Dockray, and technical officers, Aaron Bolger and Derek Walsh.

Are there any exceptions?

The exception is where information is disclosed which indicates that there is a serious risk to you or to others. Additionally, child protection takes priority over confidentiality. If you

disclose that a child's safety or welfare is at risk, I am obliged to report it to the correct authorities. Similarly, it must be reported if it is disclosed that you or someone else is at serious risk.

Where will the data be stored to ensure confidentiality?

Once the interview is completed, the recording will immediately be transferred to an encrypted laptop and wiped from the recording device. The interview will then be transcribed by the researcher, and all identifying information will be removed. Once this is done, the audio-recording will also be deleted and only the anonymized transcript will remain. This will be stored on the University College Cork OneDrive system and subsequently on the UCC server. The data will be stored for up to 10 years.

What will the information provided be used for?

The information you provide may contribute to a research project, research publications and/or conference presentations. Drug use among third level students in Ireland can cause a range of harms; this study aims to inform strategies to improve student engagement with digital drug harm reduction programmes.

Will there be any personal negative outcomes as a result of taking part in the study?

We do not anticipate any negative outcomes from participating in this study. We do not intend to cause any discomfort to participants. Should you wish to do so, you can choose not to answer questions, or to bring the interview to an end at any time.

Who is available to contact with concerns/issues that may arise from participating in the research?

Should you have any concerns arising from participating in the research, or should it raise any interest in finding out more about student health, or drug harm reduction programmes, the contact details for services provided below may be of assistance.

This study has obtained ethical approval from the UCC School of Applied Psychology Ethics Committee.

If you have a concern about how we have handled your personal data, you are entitled to this raise this with the Data Protection Commission.

<https://www.dataprotection.ie/>

If you have any queries about this research, you can contact me at 123408454@umail.ucc.ie. If you would like to contact my supervisor, you can do so at S.Dockray@ucc.ie
UCC'S Data Protection Officer (DPO) is Catriona O'Sullivan, Information Compliance Manager, University College Cork, 4 Carrigside, College Road, Cork, Ireland.
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The Data Controller for this study is University College Cork

If you have a complaint about how this research was conducted please contact in writing:
The Ethics Committee,
School of Applied Psychology,
University College Cork,
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