

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

Ethical Clearance Reference Number: MRA-19/20-19056



Title of study

A longitudinal survey regarding the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on interprofessional education and collaborative practice.

Invitation Paragraph

On behalf of the Interprofessional Research Global (IPR.Global), we would like to invite you to participate in this research project which forms part of a global effort to map the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on interprofessional education and collaborative practice. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of the study is to collect global observations/experiences, and to examine perceptions regarding the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on the planning and delivery of, and policy developments related to interprofessional education (IPE) and collaborative practice globally.

Specifically, through an anonymous online survey, this project will explore perceptions around the COVID19 pandemic with regard to:

1. impact on the volume and frequency of IPE programmes/ offerings;
2. changes in IPE-related academic or professional policies/ regulations/ procedures;
3. opportunities for innovative pedagogic modes of delivering IPE;
4. lessons learned for future delivery of IPE;
5. questions for future research on IPE delivery and/or evaluation.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You are being invited to participate in this study in light of your interest in interprofessional education and collaborative practice. We welcome input from clinicians, educators, service users/patients, family, carers and researchers. Our only requirement is an interest in and involvement with interprofessional education and/or collaborative practice at a local, regional, national or international level.

What will happen if I take part?

If you agree to take part you will complete a survey anonymously. The survey will ask you questions about your views and experiences with regard to the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on interprofessional education and/or collaborative practice within your institution/organization and region. The survey will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete. You will be invited to revisit your responses in a few months' time to help you

reflect on this rapidly changing situation and the impact it is having on interprofessional education and/or collaborative practice.

Do I have to take part?

Participation is completely voluntary. You should only take part if you want to and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in anyway. If you choose to take part you will be asked to provide your consent. To do this you will be asked to indicate that you have read and understand the information provided and that you consent to your anonymous data being used for the purposes explained.

You are free to withdraw at any point during completion of the survey, without having to give a reason, by exiting the form without submitting your responses. Withdrawing from the study will not affect you in any way. Once you submit the survey, you will be given the option to revisit and if desired delete your responses within one week. Please do not include any personal identifiable information in your responses.

Data handling and confidentiality

The survey is looking for organizational-level information and will not collect personal information. Your answers will be treated confidentially and the information you provide will not allow you to be identified in any research outputs/publications. Your data will be held securely on a password protected online server as part of the IPR.Global data repository.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of the study will be summarised in a project report, which will be made freely available on the InterprofessionalResearch.Global website. Selected findings will be used in the development of academic publications and conference presentations.

Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or require more information about this study, please contact us using the following contact details:

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What if I have further questions, or if something goes wrong?

If this study has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the study you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information:

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Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.