

Participant Information Sheet for Dentists

'Consent in Dentistry'

You are invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide whether or not you would like to participate it is important that you read the information provided below. This will help you to understand why and how the research is being carried out and what participation will involve. Please let the researcher know if anything is unclear or you have any questions.

Who is conducting the research?

Primary Researcher: Simon Kidd BDS, Postgraduate Student LLM Healthcare Law and Ethics

Project Supervisor: Professor Alice Belcher, University of Dundee

The research forms part of a Masters project titled "How has *Montgomery* changed dental practice, and is it possible for it to be implemented fully by the dental profession?"

The primary researcher can be reached at s.y.kidd@dundee.ac.uk

Who is funding the research?

No funding has been provided or sought.

What is the purpose of the research?

The purpose of this research is to gather information about how dentists obtain consent to treatment. The research also attempts to learn what obstacles there may be to the full implementation of 'patient centred decision making' in dentistry.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part because you are believed to be a dentist practising in the UK. If you do not fall into this category, then you will not be able to participate in this survey.

Do I have to take part?

No. Taking part is voluntary, choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way; and you can withdraw from the study without explanation and without penalty up until your anonymous responses have been submitted. After data collection is complete it will not be possible for you to withdraw from the study as the data is anonymous. If you wish to withdraw from the research before this point you can simply close the survey without submitting your responses. If you need help you can email the project lead at s.y.kidd@dundee.ac.uk



What will happen if I take part?

You will be asked to complete a web-based survey that will take you approximately 10 minutes to complete. There are some very general (non-identifiable) demographic questions about you, 18 simple multiple-choice questions about your consent practises and 2 clinical scenarios that present ethical dilemmas.

Are there any risks in taking part?

There are no risks in taking part. The survey is completely anonymised and therefore no identifiable responses can be passed on to any authoritative bodies (e.g. GDC, Defence Unions, Patient Complaints Services).

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The main benefit of participating will be that you will be given the opportunity to reflect on your own consent practise and will be directed to appropriate resources should you find that you require to undertake further learning. You will also be informing research that may benefit the dental profession in the future.

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

No personally identifiable data will be asked for or collected at any point during the survey. It will not be possible for the researcher, or anyone else, to identify you or any other participant.

What will happen to the information I provide?

The anonymous data will be securely stored on the web platform and then downloaded to the personal computer of the primary researcher. This will then be securely backed up on the 'Box' web storage platform. The data will only be stored until the project is complete (intended completion date 14th December 2019), then it will be completely deleted from all platforms and devices.

The results will be presented in the dissertation project report "How has *Montgomery* changed dental practice, and is it possible for it to be implemented fully by the dental profession?" written by the project lead, Simon Kidd. Anonymous responses may be quoted directly or as grouped data without acknowledgement. There is no intention to publish this research, however the final report is available on request from the University.

Data Protection

No personal data will be collected as part of this research project. However, as a general statement:

The University asserts that it is lawful for it to process your personal data in this project as the processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.

The University respects your rights and preferences in relation to your data and if you wish to update, access, erase, or limit the use of your information, please let us know by emailing s.y.kidd@dundee.ac.uk



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Please note that some of your rights may be limited where personal data is processed for research, but we are happy to discuss that with you. If you wish to complain about the use of your information please contact the University's Data Protection Officer in the first instance (email: dataprotection@dundee.ac.uk). You may also wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

You can find more information about the ways that personal data is used at the University at: <https://www.dundee.ac.uk/information-governance/dataprotection/>.

Is there someone else I can complain to?

If you wish to complain about the way the research has been conducted please contact the Convener of the University Research Ethics Committee (<https://www.dundee.ac.uk/research/ethics/contacts/>).