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Information Sheet for Participants in Research Studies

You will be given a copy of this information sheet.

Title of Project: **Men's views on a computer-based intervention for sexual health**

This study has been approved by the NHS Research Ethics Committee (Project ID Number): 12/LO/1643

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We invite you to participate in this research project. You should only take part if you want to: choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. If you do decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. Please read the following information and discuss with the researcher if you want to. Please ask if there is anything that is unclear, or if you need more information.

Why are we doing this study?

A research team at University College London are developing a **website and mobile phone application** for men who have attended a sexual health clinic.

The new website and mobile phone app is likely to include **advice about sexually transmitted infections, avoiding future infections, and advice on sexual problems**. We would like to know whether a website or mobile phone app could be a good way for men to get advice and help for sexual health problems.

Why have I been chosen?

You have been invited to take part in this research because you are male, and have visited a sexual health clinic.

What will happen to me if I take part?

We would like to **interview you** to ask your views on:

- * Whether you think a sexual health website or mobile phone app could be useful
- * What kind of sexual health advice you might find helpful

- * Your experiences and views on using condoms to prevent sexually transmitted infections
- * Your views on the design of a new website or mobile phone app (e.g. interactive features)
- * Your views on our future research plans (to test a new website or app)

We would like to tape-record the interview with your permission. We will then summarise the things that different people say in interviews, and use the results to help design the new website and mobile phone app.

Will I benefit from taking part?

We hope that you will enjoy participating in this study and discussing sexual health issues. We hope that it will feel satisfying to have contributed to the design and content of a new website and mobile phone app which could help men in future. You will be offered £15 as a token of appreciation for your time

Are there any risks involved?

There is a risk that some subjects could be embarrassing or upsetting to discuss. We hope that it will still feel helpful to discuss these topics. You are free to stop an interview at any time. At the bottom of this information sheet there are the contact details for organisations which can help with a variety of issues.

What if there is a problem?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact the principal investigator, Dr Julia Bailey [email] Telephone: XXXX, or Dr Elizabeth Murray [email]

What happens if something goes wrong?

Every care will be taken in the course of this study. In the unlikely event that you are injured by taking part, compensation may be available. If you suspect that the injury is the result of negligence by the Sponsor (University College London) or the hospital then you may be able to claim compensation. After discussing with your research doctor, please make the claim in writing to Dr Julia Bailey who is the Chief Investigator for the research and is based at University College London. The Chief Investigator will then pass the claim to the Sponsor's Insurers, via the Sponsor's office. You may have to bear the costs of the legal action initially, and you should consult a lawyer about this.

Regardless of this, if you wish to complain, or have any concerns about any aspect of the way you have been approached or treated by members of staff or about any side effects (adverse events) you may have experienced due to your participation in the research, the normal National Health Service complaints mechanisms are available to you. Please ask your research doctor if you would like more information on this. Details can be obtained from the Department of Health Website: <http://www.dh.gov.uk>

What happens when the study stops?

The computer-based intervention will be tested in another research study, to see whether it is useful to men who have had a sexually transmitted infection.

Can I withdraw from the study once I'm in it?

It is your decision whether to take part in the study or not. You are free to withdraw at any point without giving a reason. You may also choose to withdraw what you said after the group takes place.

What will happen to the information I provide?

Interviews will be tape-recorded and written down with your permission. The information you give and the results from the project will be kept confidential and anonymous. University College London finance department will need your name, address and signature to confirm that you received

the £15 payment. The researchers for this study and the finance department will be the only people who can access your information. All data will be collected and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Any quotations in publications or reports will be anonymous so that you cannot be identified.

There are some legal limits to confidentiality which are important to know. We are obliged under the 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' legislation to consider informing social services or other agencies if we find out that the health, safety or welfare of a person under 18 is at grave risk. Similarly, if it becomes clear that you or someone else is at risk of domestic abuse or other harm, we will consider referring to a local Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference meeting, or the police.

Who is organising and funding the study?

The research is being run by Dr Julia Bailey from the University College London e-Health Unit, and is funded by the National Institute for Health Research Health Technology Assessment programme.

Who has reviewed the study?

All research in the NHS is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your interests. This study has been approved by the East London and City Research Ethics Committee.

Can I get general advice about taking part in research?

Yes. INVOLVE is a national advisory group that supports greater public involvement in NHS, public health and social care research. You can find out more from www.invo.org.uk or telephone 023 8065 1088

Advice and help organisations

Health services near you: NHS Choices
<http://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/Pages/ServiceSearch.aspx>

Advice about sexual health and HIV: Terrence Higgins Trust
<http://www.tht.org.uk>

Contraception and sexually transmitted infection: Family Planning Association
<http://www.fpa.org.uk/home>

Help after sexual assault: The Havens <http://www.thehavens.org.uk>

Sort out stress <http://www.sortoutstress.co.uk/site>

The Samaritans <http://www.samaritans.org>

Gay, bisexual and transgender health: PACE <http://www.pacehealth.org.uk>

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