

Information Sheet for Participants in Research Studies

You will be given a copy of this information sheet.

Title of Project: **The MenSS Study: a pilot trial to test an interactive sexual health website for men**

This study has been approved by the NHS Research Ethics Committee: 13 LO 1801

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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?

You recently took part in a study to test the MenSS website. We'd really like to interview you now to ask you what you thought of being in the research study, and to ask your opinion of the usefulness of websites for sexual health for men.

We hope that you will find the research interesting. What you say might help us to work out the best ways to run research in sexual health clinics and online.

What's involved?

This study involves an interview with a member of our research team. They will ask you questions about what you thought about being in the research study, and your opinions on the usefulness of sexual health websites for men. Do not worry if you have not seen the website, we will show it to you again. The interview will be in the clinic that you attended, or in central London. We can also do it over the phone or using Skype. The interview will take about an hour. We'll pay you £20 for helping us out.

The interview will include questions like:

- Why did you sign up for the research trial?
- Do you think that doing the survey made you think about your sexual health differently?
- Do you think the website would be useful to you?

What will happen to my information?

- All information you give will be confidential
- All data will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998

- No information will be given to the clinic staff. Only the research team will be able to see your information
- Regulatory authorities in the NHS trust may wish to view research data, in order to check that we are doing everything correctly
- The information that you give will not be linked to your name: we will use code numbers instead of names.
- It will not be possible to identify individual participants in research reports
- Other researchers may wish to use your anonymous interview responses for future research if it has been approved by an ethics committee
- We will only use your contact details to contact you about the research study – these will NOT be given to anyone else

The small print.

- This study has been approved by the London – City and East Research Ethics Committee (REC number 13 LO 1801).
- The research will be published in a report and the results will be available online. It will not be possible to identify any individuals in these reports.
- You will receive a summary of the results by email at the end of the study.
- All information that you provide will remain confidential and will be used only for the study.
- However, if you give us specific information which leads us to think that you or someone else is at risk of harm, we are obliged to consider discussing this with authorities such as child protection teams, or the police
- You can withdraw from the study at any time, without giving a reason. To do this, please contact Rosie Webster XXXXX [email]. We may still use your anonymous questionnaire responses.
- Once the findings of the study have been published in a research report, you will no longer be able to withdraw from the study.
- The research team cannot offer individual sexual health advice
- We hope that you find the research interesting, but you may find some of the questions or topics embarrassing or upsetting. We will provide contact details of organisations who may be able to help you
- Please contact the researcher Rosie Webster if you have any questions or concerns about the research, XXXXX [email]; Julia Bailey, XXXXX [email]
 - o You can also contact the principal investigator within your clinic:
 - Homerton Hospital: Professor Jane Anderson [email]
 - St Bartholomew's Hospital : Dr. Claudia Estcourt [email]
 - Coventry sexual health clinic: Dr. Belinda Stanley [email]
- 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 you may have experienced due to your participation in the research, National Health Service or UCL complaints mechanisms are available to you. Please ask your research doctor if you would like more information on this. In the unlikely event that you are harmed by taking part in this study, compensation may be available. If you suspect that the harm is the result of the Sponsor's (University College London) or the hospital's negligence then you may be able to claim compensation. After discussing with your research doctor, please make the claim in writing to the Julia Bailey, [email] 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.

- If you would like general advice about being involved in research, please see the INVOLVE website: www.invo.org.uk

- You can get independent advice about your care or involvement in this research from the Patient Advisory and Liaison Service (PALS):
 - o Homerton:
 - Tel: 020 8510 7315
 - Email: pals@homerton.nhs.uk
 - o Barts:
 - Tel: 020 3594 2040
 - Email: pals@bartshealth.nhs.uk
 - o Coventry:
 - Tel: 024 7653 6804
 - Text message: 07826 900 926
 - Email: pals@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

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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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