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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Perceptions of drug-focused harm reduction approaches

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it would 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. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part and remember that your participation is voluntary.

What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this study is to understand student drug use, perceptions of harm and views on drug-related harm reduction techniques and drug education services.

Am I eligible to take part?

Please read the criteria carefully and contact the researcher if you have any doubts regarding your eligibility. If you do not pass the screening survey, you will not be able to take part.

In order to take part you should:

- Be an undergraduate or postgraduate student in the UK;
- Have used some form of illicit drug within the past 12 months;
- Be aged 18 or over.

Expenses and reimbursement

Participants who take part in this study will be given the option to enter prize draw to win a £50 shopping voucher.

What will I have to do?

You would complete an online questionnaire which would ask about your drug use, including which drugs you've used and any approaches you use to reduce harm associated with their use. The study will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?

All study data will be collected anonymously so there will be no way of linking you to your data. We do not anticipate you would experience any disadvantages as a direct result of taking part in this study.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

Yes. Your data is completely anonymous. We would not collect any personal information as part of the study that could identify you. You would have the option of entering your email address at the end of the study so you can be entered into the prize draw. However, this information will be kept separately from your study data. It will be kept confidentially, not shared with any third party and will be deleted once the prize draw winners have been selected.

This study will adhere to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). We will be using information from you in order to undertake this study and will act as the data controller for this. This means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly.

What would happen to the results of the research study?

There would be no identifiable data collected as part of the main study. Your email address will be needed for purpose of prize draw (if you choose to enter the prize draw), but this would not be linked to your study data and so we could not identify which data set is yours from your email address. When the study has been completed, we would analyse the study data and report the findings. This would be reported in an appropriate scientific journal or presented at a scientific meeting. You would not be identified in any way and if you would like a copy of the final paper, you may request this. As we do not collect any identifiable data, you would not be able to request your data after completing the study as we will not know which data set is yours.

At the end of the study your data would be made "open". Explanation of what this means is given below.

What is open data?

Open data means that study data are made available, free of charge, to anyone interested in the research, or who wishes to conduct their own analysis of the data. We would therefore have no control over how these data are used. However, no identifying information will be collected and therefore there would be no way to identify you from the study data. Your email address (for prize draw) would not be shared as this is not part of your study data.

Why open data?

Sharing research data and findings is considered best scientific practice and is a requirement of many funding bodies and scientific journals. As a large proportion of research is publicly funded, the outcomes of the research should be made publicly available. Sharing data helps to maximise the impact of investment through wider use and encourages new avenues of research.

Can I withdraw my study data after I have participated in the study?

No. All data will be instantly anonymised via the computer system. Once you have completed the study, we will not be able to identify which data set is yours. Therefore, you will be unable to withdraw your data once it has been submitted on the final webpage. If during the study you no longer wish to continue, you can exit without submitting your data at any time. Incomplete data sets will not be analysed or made open access.

Who is organising and funding the research?

The study is funded by the Tobacco and Alcohol Research Group at the University of Bristol.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Faculty of Science Research Ethics Committee at the University of Bristol (ethics approval code: 118579).

Who can I contact for further information?

If you have any questions, please contact the Principal Investigator:

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If you have any concerns about drug or alcohol use, you can find information about drug treatment services in your area via the NHS: <https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Drug-treatment-services/LocationSearch/340>.

If you would like any more information about specific drugs or drugs harm reduction, visit the Talk to Frank website <https://www.talktofrank.com/>.

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