



Questionnaire Participant Leaflet

Professional wellbeing and termination of pregnancy services in Ireland

A survey study from the HPAC Research Project

Introductory statement

We invite you to participate in a questionnaire exploring the views and experiences of healthcare professionals with regards to termination of pregnancy services in Ireland.

The interview study is part of the HPAC research project, which is led by Dr Camille Nadal, an Assistant Professor with the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Education and Innovation in Health Systems at University College Dublin. The wider research team includes the following collaborators:

Dr Aoife Mullally – Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at the Coombe Hospital
Prof. Kath Browne – Professor at University College Dublin
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Dr Sarah Foley – Lecturer at University College Cork
Dr Kellie Morrissey – Lecturer at University College Cork
Prof. Katie Siek – Professor at Indiana University

1. What is this research about?

The questionnaire explores why healthcare professionals participate, or not, in termination of pregnancy services, their professional experiences with termination of pregnancy services, and how they could be better supported in their role.

We are looking to hear from GPs, Primary Care Women's Health Doctors, Nurses, Midwives, Obstetricians/Gynaecologists, Anaesthesiologists, and Trainees in these specialties.

The research is for:

- healthcare professionals who participate in termination of pregnancy services,
- healthcare professionals who do not, or have chosen not to, participate in termination of pregnancy services.

The goal of this survey study and the wider HPAC project is to support the wellbeing of all healthcare professionals.

2. Why are we doing this research?

This survey study and the wider HPAC project aim to develop context-appropriate and operational policy recommendations as well as practical resources for healthcare professionals and healthcare managers.



The project is expected to improve and support the long-term professional wellbeing of health workers by:

- enabling better-informed decisions about (non) participation in termination of pregnancy services,
- proposing practical solutions to the issues identified in the research
- offering resources to navigate professional interactions with regards to termination of pregnancy services

3. How will your data be used?

The questionnaire answers will be analysed by the Principal Investigator; no AI assistance will be used. Any information that could identify you will be removed. Non-identifiable quotes from the questionnaire answers may be used in research publications or presentations.

4. What will happen if you decide to take part in this research study?

When opening the link to the research survey, you will see a summary of the research and will be asked to complete a consent form. After completing the consent form, you will be presented with the survey questions. The questionnaire will take approximately 10-20 minutes and includes tick box questions and open questions for you to share your views and experiences. It may take longer depending on how much you want to write. There is an option to participate in a longer 1-to-1 confidential interview if you have more that you wish to share.

5. What will happen if you decide not to take part?

Taking part in this survey study is entirely voluntary. If you choose not to complete or submit the questionnaire, this will not affect you in any way.

6. How will we protect your privacy?

Your participation in this survey study is completely confidential. Whether or not you choose to tell anyone about your participation is entirely up to you. No identifiable data will be collected and anything that may be identifiable will be removed before publication of the findings. All data will be stored securely, and no personally identifiable information will be shared or disclosed. If you provided your email to enter the prize draw, your email address will not be kept with your questionnaire responses and it will be deleted upon completion of the prize draw.

7. What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?

By taking part, you will have the opportunity to share your views and experiences in a confidential survey. Your insights will help shape tools and resources to support the long-term professional wellbeing of health workers participating, or not, in termination of pregnancy services in Ireland. The HPAC research project aims to make these resources available in clinical settings on the ground, as well as online in a digital format.

8. What are the benefits to the researchers if I take part in this study?

By participating in this research, you will help us develop a better understanding of healthcare professionals' views and experiences with regards to termination of pregnancy



services, and contribute to the development of policy recommendations and the creation of resources to support the long-term professional wellbeing of health workers in Ireland.

9. What are the risks of taking part in this research study?

We do not anticipate any risks for participants in this study. We recognise that termination of pregnancy services may be a sensitive topic and contact details for support services will be provided at the end of the questionnaire and are also available below.

The findings of this research will be reported in academic publications and presentations and the research team will do their best to minimise any risk of misinterpretation. While it is not possible to predict how the findings of this research might be interpreted or used by others, your participation in this study will remain strictly confidential at all times.

10. Can I change my mind at any stage and withdraw from the study?

Yes, you are free to change your mind and withdraw from the study before submitting the questionnaire, without giving a reason and without any negative consequences. If you decide to withdraw, any data collected from you will be securely deleted and will not be used in the study. Once questionnaire answers are submitted, it will not be possible to withdraw from the study.

11. How will I find out what happens with this project?

The research findings will also be made available on the HPAC project website:
The findings may be published in academic journals or presented at conferences: all information will be non-identifiable to protect your identity.

12. Contact details for further information

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13. Support services for healthcare professionals

Practitioner Health Matters Programme

- Confidential telephone line: +353 (0)85 760 1274
- Email: Practitioners can send emails to confidential@practitionerhealth.ie

For more information, please visit the Practitioner Health Matters Programme website:
<https://practitionerhealth.ie/>