

Participant Information Sheet for the Survey Respondents

Title: The impact of the chronic pain personal experiences video on the public opinion and perspectives.

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You are invited to take part in a short survey. 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 us know if anything is unclear or you have any questions by contacting Dr. Aikaterini Christogianni: achristogianni001@dundee.ac.uk

Who is conducting the research?

The Consortium Against Pain InEquality (CAPE) a project that aims to identify why a large percentage of people suffer with chronic pain, and People's Voice Media, a charity that aims to improve people's lives, are interested in listening to the patients' experiences with chronic pain and how it might affect their quality of life. They have created the video you have just watched to raise public awareness and understanding of the experience of living with chronic pain. The associated short survey will explore the impact of the video on people's perceptions on living with chronic pain.

The main researchers involved in this survey are the following:

Professor Lesley Colvin, Professor of Pain Medicine, School of Medicine, University of Dundee

Professor Timothy Hales, Professor in Teaching and Research, School of Medicine, University of Dundee

Dr. Line Caes, Associate Professor of Psychology, Division of Psychology, University Of Stirling

Dr. Aikaterini Christogianni, Postdoctoral Research Assistant at University of Dundee

Who is funding the research?

The CAPE project has been peer reviewed through the funding processes of UK Research and Innovation (Medical Research Council (MRC) – UKRI).

What is the purpose of the research?

The aim of the project is to raise public awareness and understanding of the experience of living with chronic pain. The objective is to evaluate the impact of the video posted on social media platforms on how the public modified their opinion/perspectives on living with chronic pain.

Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part because you have watched the video in one of our social media platforms.

Do I have to take part?

Taking part in the study is voluntary. You may decide to withdraw from the study at any time without explanation and decide not to submit your answers. After you submit your answers and data collection is complete it may not be possible for you to withdraw from the study. Your answers will not include any personal information. However, all survey respondents will be asked whether they are willing to provide their contact information (name, phone number, and e-mail address) so that the research team can contact them for further research (e.g., ask some follow-up questions over the telephone). You may wish not to provide your personal information. In case you are willing to, your contact information will not be linked to the survey answers in any way. Watching the video and completing the survey are completely voluntary.

What will happen if I take part?

You are asked to complete a short survey to share your thoughts on the video that you just watched. The online survey takes around 5 minutes to complete. First, you will fill in the Informed Consent Form with your initials and then you will complete ten questions. The questions in the survey consist of demographic characteristics, e.g., age, gender, education, and questions about your perspectives on the impact of chronic pain.

Are there any risks in taking part?

There is no risk for you in taking part in the study.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

Your answers will help in raising the public awareness and understanding of the experience of living with chronic pain. Therefore, your answers are important to evaluate the impact of our video posted on social media platforms on your opinion and perspective on living with chronic pain.

Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

Your answers in the survey will remain anonymous and they will not be linked to any personal details. The research team will have access to your data. Your contact information will not be linked to the survey answers in any way. During data analysis your personal information will not be included in the data sheets.

What will happen to the information I provide?

Data will be stored in OneDrive at University of Dundee. The data will be password protected and only accessed by the research team. The data will not be shared with third parties, and it will be kept in OneDrive for 5 years. The results of the online survey will be reported and communicated within the CAPE team, and they will not be available in public.

Data Protection

If you agree to leave your details to be contacted in the future for further research, then the personal data that will be collected and processed in this study are your name, phone number, and e-mail address. 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 of Dundee is the data controller for your personal data processed in this project. Professor Lesley Colvin and Dr. Aikaterini Christogianni will have access to your personal information. In addition, University of Stirling is collaborating to the CAPE project and your personal data will be shared with Dr. Line Caes too.

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 Dr. Aikaterini Christogianni achristogianni001@dundee.ac.uk. 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/data-protection>.

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-governance-policy/non-clinical-research-ethics-contacts>). You have the option to email the Convener or leave a voicemail.