

Participant Information Sheet Online Survey

Periods in a Pandemic: how UK period poverty initiatives are managing with Covid-19 related challenges (phase 1)

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We would like to invite you to take part in this qualitative study on how UK based period poverty initiatives and projects are mitigating challenges linked to Covid-19, and how they are continuing to meet the needs of those experiencing period poverty.

Who can take part? Anyone involved in delivering period poverty programmes, or that provides support for those experiencing period poverty, within the UK.

What do I have to do, if I want to take part?

If you would like to take part in the project, you will be asked to complete an online survey. The survey is anonymous, so your name will not be linked to your survey responses. By completing the survey, and submitting your response, you have given permission for your anonymous data to be included in this research project.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. It includes 'tick box' questions, and ones where you will be given space to write your own answers.

What if I change my mind?

If you change your mind while filling in the survey, you can exit at any stage and your responses will not have been recorded. However, once you submit the survey, it will not be possible to remove your data from the project.

What will happen to my data?

Your responses will be kept secure, via the Online Survey software, and will be looked at on secure Birmingham City University computers. Your responses will be combined with others that have completed the survey, and this data may be shared with other researchers at the University. As your responses are anonymous, there are no risks around Data Protection, as we cannot trace your data back to you.

Are there any risks to me?

We do not anticipate any risks to participants in this study. This study may not directly benefit you personally. Your contribution will be extremely useful in helping to inform current practice, shape policy and develop strategies within the ongoing pandemic crisis (and any future crises), helping to ensure the voices of girls, women and all people who menstruate are centralised.

Do I get any payment for taking part?

At the beginning of the survey, you will be asked if you would like to be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher for your project/organisation. If you would like to enter into the prize draw, please add your name and email address in the space provided. This information will be kept separate from your survey responses, on secure BCU computers, which only the research team can access.

If you do not submit your survey, you will not be entered into the prize draw.

What will happen to the results of the research study? The information obtained from this study will be used for reports and publications in medical and health journals and at health and academic conferences/events.

Who is funding the research? This study is funded by European Social Research Council (ESRC)

Who has reviewed the study? All research undertaken by BCU is reviewed by the HELS Faculty Academic Ethics Committee. This study has been reviewed and given a favourable opinion by the committee.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?

Please contact Gemma Williams, gemma.williams@bcu.ac.uk, if you have any questions about the project. If you remain concerned or your questions have not been answered, please contact HELS_ethics@bcu.ac.uk

If you have any concerns about how we use or handle your personal data please contact the University's Data Protection Officer using the following contact details: informationmanagement@bcu.ac.uk; Telephone +44 (0)121 331 5288

Before continuing with the survey, please confirm the following:

I have read the information and confirm that:

- I am happy for my anonymous responses to be used in any reports, publications and/or conferences/events
- I am happy to be contacted for a follow up interview as part of the Periods in a Pandemic Project*
- I am interested in finding out more about phase 2 of the Periods in a Pandemic Project*
- I would like to be entered into the prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher for my project/organisation (winners will be informed by DATE)*
- *Name and email to be provided – this information will be kept separately to your survey data