

Periods in a Pandemic: service provider feedback

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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, please complete the following 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 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:

1. I confirm that my organisation/project provides support for people experiencing

period poverty within the UK * *Required*

Please select exactly 1 answer(s).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

2. I am happy for my anonymous responses to be used in any reports, publications and/or conferences/events * *Required*

Please select at least 1 answer(s).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. I am happy to be contacted for a follow up interview as part of the Periods in a Pandemic Project* * *Required*

Please select at least 1 answer(s).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

4. I am interested in finding out more about phase 2 of the Periods in a Pandemic Project, and how my organisation can be involved* (Phase 2 involves us talking to the people that you support) * *Required*

Please select at least 1 answer(s).

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

5. I would like to be entered into the prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher for my project/organisation* * *Required*

Please select at least 1 answer(s).

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. If you have answered yes any of the asterix* questions, please provide your name, organisation name and email address:

Page 2: Organisation details

7. Organisation name *Optional*

8. Organisation location *Optional*

9. Our organisation covers: *Optional*

- ☐ England only
- ☐ Scotland only
- ☐ Wales only
- ☐ Northern Ireland only
- ☐ UK wide
- ☐ Other

9.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

10. Do you focus upon supporting those experiencing period poverty within your organisation? *Optional*

- ☐ Yes

- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

11. Our organisation provides the following support for people experiencing period poverty: *Optional*

- ☐ Access to period products only
- ☐ Menstrual health education only
- ☐ Products and education
- ☐ Other

11.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

12. Our organisation supports (tick all that apply): *Optional*

- ☐ Adults (25 and over)
- ☐ Young people (18-25)
- ☐ Schools/colleges
- ☐ Trans and non-binary people who menstruate
- ☐ Homeless people
- ☐ Asylum seekers/refugees
- ☐ Other

12.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

13. If you provide period products, how do you distribute them (tick all that apply)?

Optional

- ☐ Give directly to those who need them
- ☐ Give to another organisation/s for distribution
- ☐ Other

13.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

13.b. Who do you provide products to (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Schools
- ☐ Colleges
- ☐ Homeless shelters
- ☐ Drop-in centres
- ☐ Food banks
- ☐ Places of worship
- ☐ Domestic abuse shelters
- ☐ Libraries
- ☐ Sport/leisure facilities
- ☐ Other

13.b.i. If you selected Other, please specify:

14. Do you receive donations? *Optional*

- ☐ Yes - products only
- ☐ Yes - financial only
- ☐ Yes - both
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other

14.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

14.b. Where do you receive donations from?

15. Do you use volunteers to help deliver services? *Optional*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other

15.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

Page 3: Pre-Covid-19 service provision

16. Please describe how your services usually run (pre-Covid-19 lockdown and social distancing restrictions)

Page 4: Covid-19 lockdown service provision

17. Did you have to change or adapt any element of service provision, as a result of Covid-19 lockdown and social distancing restrictions? *Optional*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

18. Please describe how your services had to change and adapt as a result of Covid-19 lockdown and social distancing restrictions

19. Were your services affected by any of the following (tick all that apply): *Optional*

- ☐ Stockpiling/hoarding of products
- ☐ Closure of schools/colleges/universities
- ☐ Closure of places of worship
- ☐ Closure of food banks
- ☐ Access to donations
- ☐ Access to volunteer support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Not affected

19.a. If you selected Other, please specify:

19.b. If you were affected by any of the above, or answered other, please explain how this impacted upon service delivery

20. Have the needs of service users changed during lockdown? *Optional*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

20.a. Please explain how

21. Do you feel that your organisation has been able to continue to support those experiencing period poverty during lockdown? *Optional*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

21.a. Please explain why

22. Please describe any successes and/or barriers that you have experienced

Page 5: Future service provision

23. What would help you to be able to continue to support those experiencing period poverty, within the current pandemic?

24. Do you feel that your organisation is prepared for any further Covid-related issues, or further lockdown measures?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

25. Please provide details of any other issues that you think are important to highlight about period poverty during the pandemic

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Thank you for your time and for supporting the project!

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Stay safe!
