**Participant Information Sheet 3**

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| Project title: | **A wearable incontinence management system** |
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| Researcher(s): | **Srinjoy Mitra, Wei Ju, Lynda Webb, Sadeque Reza Khan** |
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This study was certified according to the Informatics Research Ethics Process, RT number **2021/83413**. Please take time to read the following information carefully. You should keep this page for your records.

**Who are the researchers?**

The team are members of Edinburgh Neuroprosthetics Laboratory. Kia Nazarpour is Principal Investigator. Srinjoy Mitra, Lynda Webb, and Sadeque Reza Khan are senior researchers within the team. They may be accompanied by PhD students, e.g. Wei Ju, while conducting this project.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

We work to develop a wearable system, e.g. a sock, to enhance the efficacy of clinical practice in the management incontinence. You, as a stakeholder, are being asked to take part in this study because we would like to hear and document your opinion and integrate it into our knowledge-base.

**Do I have to take part?**

No – participation in this study is entirely up to you. You may decide to stop being a part of the research study at any time without explanation. You have the right to ask that any data you have supplied to that point be withdrawn or destroyed. You have the right to refuse to answer or respond to any question that is asked of you. You have the right to have your questions about the procedures answered (unless answering these questions would interfere with the study’s outcome). If you have any questions as a result of reading this information sheet, you should ask the researcher before the study begins. You will have the option of taking part in the longer or shorter experiments.

**What will happen if I decide to take part?**

We are interested in capturing your opinions as stakeholder in the broad field of incontinence management. You may be asked to fill an online questionnaire, and/or take part in an online and/or in-person workshops. We may collect your opinion on any subset of the following themes that determine the success of a incontinence system in the long term:

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In addition, you may be consulted, in the form of co-creation events, about technical, ethical and clinical considerations of the future wearable systems and approaches in assessing the added value of incontinence management.

We may use various standard approached for collecting your views, examples include asking you to score a factor on a slider (e.g. from 1 to 5) or provide textual information, for example:

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**Time Commitment**

If you are invited to take part in an online survey, we would not expect filling the survey would take more than 30 minutes.

If you are invited to an online workshop, we would not expect the workshop to take longer than three hours.

If you are invited to an in-person workshop, we would not expect the workshop to take more than one day.

**Are there any risks associated with taking part?**

There are no risks associated with participation. All in-person events will be in line with the UK Government and The University of Edinburgh guidelines with regards to Health and Safety.

**What will happen to the results of this study?**

The results of this study may be summarised in published articles, reports and presentations. Quotes or key findings will be anonymised. With your consent, information can also be used for future research.

Raw data/quotes will be anonymised and archived on a public data repository as per the requirement of the funding agency.

**Data protection and confidentiality.**

The data we collect do not contain any personal information about you except your initials for data management and your age for statistical analysis purposes. If you would like your data to be completely anonymised you must inform us as soon as possible, preferably before signing this document. No one will link the data you provided to the identifying information you supply.

Your data will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Law. All information collected about you will be kept strictly confidential. Your data will be referred to by a unique code, e.g. participant number. Your data will only be viewed by the research team.

All electronic data will be stored on a password-protected encrypted computer, on the School of Informatics’ secure file servers and all paper records will be stored in a locked filing cabinet in the PI’s office. Your consent information will be kept separately from your responses in order to minimise risk.

**What are my data protection rights?**

The University of Edinburgh is a Data Controller for the information you provide. You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance Data Protection Law. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure and objection. For more details, including the right to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner’s Office, please visit [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the University Data Protection Officer at [dpo@ed.ac.uk](mailto:dpo@ed.ac.uk).

**Who can I contact?**

Kia Nazarpour will be glad to answer your questions about this study at any time. You may contact him at [kianoush.nazarpour@ed.ac.uk](mailto:kianoush.nazarpour@ed.ac.uk).If you want to find out about the final results of this study, you can contact Dr Nazarpour directly. If you wish to make a complaint about the study, please contact [inf-ethics@inf.ed.ac.uk](mailto:inf-ethics@inf.ed.ac.uk). When you contact, please provide the study title and detail the nature of your complaint.

**Signature**

By signing below, you are agreeing that:

* you have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet 1,
* questions about your participation in this study have been answered satisfactorily,
* you are aware of the potential risks (if any), and
* you are taking part in this research study voluntarily (without coercion).

Participant’s Name (Printed)\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participant’s signature\*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\**Participants wishing to preserve some degree of anonymity may use their initials.*