

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS



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### **Title of project: Cannabis And Tobacco Cessation Advice (CATCA)**

Thank you for considering taking part in this research. It is important that you understand the aims of the project to you before you agree to take part. If you have any questions arising from the information given, please email the researcher [dayyanah.sumodhee@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:dayyanah.sumodhee@kcl.ac.uk) before you decide whether to join in. You can also email to request a copy of this information is sent to you.

I would like to invite you to participate in this research project which is funded by Cancer Research UK. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask me if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

### **What is the purpose of the project?**

The purpose of the project is to learn more about the knowledge and practice of stop smoking practitioners when supporting co-users of tobacco and cannabis. Your valuable participation will help us improve training and resources on supporting tobacco cessation among cannabis users.

### **Why have I been invited to take part?**

You are being invited to participate in this project because helping people stop smoking is all or part of your role.

### **What will happen if I take part?**

If you choose to take part in the study you will be asked to complete an online survey. As part of your participation you will be asked questions about your knowledge and practice when supporting tobacco cessation among cannabis users. The survey might take around 15 minutes to complete.

### **Do I have to take part?**

Participation is completely voluntary. You should only take part if you want to and choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in anyway. Once you have read the information sheet, please contact us if you have any questions that will help you make a decision about taking part. If you decide to take part we will ask you to give your consent prior to starting the survey.

### **Incentives**

The first 1000 participants will be given a £5 Amazon voucher with the option to donate it back to Cancer Research UK. You will need to enter your contact details to receive the incentive, but these will not be linked to your survey responses.

### **What are the possible risks of taking part?**

There are no foreseeable risks of taking part. Your answers will not affect in any way your work as a stop smoking practitioner and will not be shared with a third party.

### **What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

There are no direct benefits, however we believe that by participating and allowing us to conduct this study, you will contribute to the understanding of the management of co-use of cannabis and tobacco and to improve stop smoking services.

### **Data handling and confidentiality**

Your data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR).

- All survey responses will be stored in secure online storage repositories.
- These will not contain any person identifying information.
- If you choose to receive the £5 Amazon voucher, or leave your details for participation in a future study, then your personal details will be kept securely in an online storage repository. These will be kept for as long required to facilitate contact, then destroyed.
- The response data which is anonymous will be retained until the completion of the study and then for up to 4 years. The data will be stored in a King 's College London data archive.
- The data will be shared with the research team, and may be shared with other researchers who make a specific, formal request to access. This data is anonymous.

### **Data Protection Statement**

Your data will be processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 (GDPR). If you would like more information about how your data will be processed in accordance with GDPR please visit the link below:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/support/research-ethics/kings-college-london-statement-on-use-of-personal-data-in-research>

### **What if I change my mind about taking part?**

You are free to withdraw at any point during completion of the survey, without having to give a reason. Withdrawing from the study will not affect you in any way. You are able to withdraw from the survey whilst you are completing it by navigating away from the page, without pressing the final 'submit' button. After this point it is not possible to withdraw your data, as it isn't possible to identify who has provided which responses.

### **How is the project being funded?**

This project is being funded by Cancer Research UK: <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

### **What will happen to the results of the project?**

The results of the study will be in academic journals and presented at academic conferences. The data presented will not be identifiable to individuals in anyway.

### **Who should I contact for further information?**

If you have any questions or require more information about this project, please contact me using the following contact details:

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### **What if I have further questions, or if something goes wrong?**

If this project has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the project you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information: The Chair, Mr James Patterson, [rec@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:rec@kcl.ac.uk)

**Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.**