**Participation Information Sheet**

**Title of Project:**

*DentalConnect: A web application for aggregated dental appointments*

**Purpose of the project:**

To develop and evaluate DentalConnect, a web application that helps users find and book private dental appointments by aggregating availability from multiple practices. The project aims to improve accessibility, usability, and efficiency in booking dental care online.

**Why have I been invited to participate?**

You have been invited to take part in this research because your feedback will help refine the design of the DentalConnect web application. Your responses will inform decisions around interface layouts, colour schemes, and user preferences, contributing to a more accessible and user-friendly experience.

**Do I have to take part?**

No, it is entirely up to you if you want to take part.

**What are the potential benefits of taking part?**

You will help shape the direction of the project by sharing your preferences and behaviors related to booking dental appointments. This will help ensure the web application meets real user needs.

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

*You will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey. The survey will take approximately 3-5 minutes. It will remain open until December 1st, 2024.*

**Will my taking part in the study/project be kept confidential?**

Yes. All data collected for this project will be anonymous and no identifying data will be collected or used. When the project has been marked and processed by the relevant exam boards the uploaded recordings will be deleted. Consent forms will be handed to the project supervisor and stored in a locked cabinet until no longer needed at which time they will be securely disposed of. Data will be dealt with according to the [University’s Privacy Policy.](https://unibrightonac.sharepoint.com/sites/public/docs/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2Fpublic%2Fdocs%2FRESP%2FGovernance%2FResearch%5FPrivacy%5FNotice%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2Fpublic%2Fdocs%2FRESP%2FGovernance&p=true&ga=1)

**What will happen if I don’t want to carry on with the study?**

*You may withdraw at any point before submitting the survey by simply closing the browser. As the survey is anonymous, once submitted, it will not be possible to withdraw individual responses.*

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

The results of this project will be published in my CI601 project documentation that will be seen by the examiners for marking and quality control purposes. You will be welcome to see this report when it is completed.

**Contact details**

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**What if I have a question or concern?**

If you have any questions or concerns about the project please contact my project supervisor

**Jennie Harding: J.Harding3@brighton.ac.uk**

**You may also contact Dr Friederike Günzel, School of Architecture, Technology and Engineering Research Ethics and Integrity Lead if you have any concerns or questions. Dr Günzel’s email is** [**F.K.Gunzel@brighton.ac.uk**](mailto:F.K.Gunzel@brighton.ac.uk)

**Who has reviewed the study?**

The study has been reviewed and given a favourable ethical opinion by the School of Architecture, Technology and Engineering Research Ethics and Integrity Committee.