

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine views, intentions, and behaviours amongst health and social care workers**

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### **Study Information Sheet**

Thank you for completing the survey we sent you. We would like to invite you to take part in a follow up study which involves a short telephone or Zoom/Skype interview. This leaflet provides information to help you decide whether or not you would like to take part in the study – taking part is completely voluntary.

Please take your time to read the following information carefully and to talk to others about the study, if you wish. Ask us (the study researchers) if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information.

#### **1. What is the purpose of this study?**

The purpose of this study is to gain an in-depth understanding of health and social care worker views on coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination, with the aim of informing the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination programme for health and social care workers.

We are particularly interested in hearing from health and social care workers from minority ethnic backgrounds, given that the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected people from minority ethnic communities.

#### **2. Who can take part?**

We would like to interview frontline health and social care workers, from a range of job roles, that reflect the ethnic diversity of the health and social care workforce.

#### **3. What will be involved if I take part in this study?**

You indicated on the survey that you would potentially like to take part in a follow up interview. This would involve one of the study researchers contacting you via Skype, Zoom or telephone to take part in an audio-recorded interview lasting approximately 30-45 minutes. If you decide to take part, we will ask you to complete a consent form for this study as a written record of your decision to take part in the study.

In the interview we would like to talk to you about your views on COVID-19 vaccination for health and social care workers.

The audio-recordings from the interview will be transcribed into text, and anonymised so that the people taking part in the interview cannot be identified. We will store the interview data securely in line with Research Ethics Committee guidelines and only the study researchers will have access to this. We may use quotes from the interviews in reports and academic publications but these will be anonymous (no names recorded).

At the end of the project, the study data will be archived at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. The data will be made available to other researchers worldwide for research and to

improve healthcare. Your personal information will not be included and there is no way that you can be identified.

4. Who is conducting and funding the study?

This study is based at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. It is being led the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, in collaboration with Public Health England, the NHS Race and Health Observatory and the Royal College of Nursing.

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is funding this study as part of the Health Protection Research Unit in Vaccines and Immunisation. The Health Protection Research Unit in Vaccines and Immunisation is a research partnership between the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and Public Health England, in collaboration with the University of Cambridge.

5. What are the benefits of taking part?

Taking part in the study is unlikely to benefit you directly, however the information you share with us will help inform the way that COVID-19 vaccination programmes for health and social care workers are communicated and delivered.

To thank you for taking the time to participate, we will offer you a £10 gift voucher.

6. What are the disadvantages of taking part?

There are no expected personal disadvantages of participation. The interview will take up a short amount of your time; and you can choose to stop the interview at any point.

We do not anticipate that any of the questions asked in the interview will cause any distress; however, should this happen you may stop the interview at any time and resume only if you wish to continue.

7. Do I have to take part?

The decision about whether or not you take part is up to you. You are under no obligation to participate. If you do decide to take part and later change your mind, you can withdraw up to two weeks after your interview. You do not have to give a reason.

8. Will the information I give be kept confidential?

Yes. All information collected about you will be kept strictly confidential. Your name and any other information that could lead to your identity being revealed will not appear in any reports or publications and we will not tell anyone about your participation in this study.

9. What will happen to the results of the study?

When the study is completed, we will produce a report of what participants have told us. If you would like, we will send you a summary of this report. The report will be sent to the study funders - the National Institute for Health Research – and collaborators. Study findings will also be presented at relevant meetings and conferences and will be published within peer-reviewed academic journals.

10. Who has reviewed the study?

The study has received an independent review and been granted ethical approval by the Observational Research Ethics Committee at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM Ethics Ref: 22923).

11. If I would like to take part, who should I contact?

Should you wish to take part, seek more information or share comments about the study please contact: **Sadie Bell** (Research Fellow in Public Health Evaluation) via email - [sadie.bell@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:sadie.bell@lshtm.ac.uk).

12. Who do I contact if I have any concerns about the study?

You are encouraged to present any concerns or complaints to either Sadie Bell (see contact details above) or to: **Sandra Mounier- Jack**, Associate Professor in Health Policy, LSHTM, 15-17 Tavistock Place, London, WC1H 9SH, [sandra.mounier-jack@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:sandra.mounier-jack@lshtm.ac.uk)