



## **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SHEET**

### **Continuing Interprofessional Education – Outcomes for graduates**

Dear Volunteer,

Interprofessional education is a core pillar of the curriculum of the professional qualification programmes provided at the School of Allied Health, University of Limerick. A group of researchers from the School are completing a study to explore how interprofessional competencies subsequently transition to workplace practice as experienced by graduates and healthcare management. This information sheet will tell you what the study is about.

#### **What is the study about?**

The study aims to collect the perspective of key stakeholders about the transition from education to practice and perceived demonstration of interprofessional collaborative skills and competencies in the workplace. We hope to talk to both graduates of the School of Allied Health and managers/supervisors in the services in which the graduates are employed.

#### **What will I have to do?**

Your involvement in the study will involve you taking part in an online interview at a time that is convenient to you. This interview will be recorded and follow a flexible interview guide that explores your experience of interprofessional education prior to graduation (for student participants) and your experience of either your own interprofessional competencies and expectations regarding these in your working life since graduation. If you are a manager/supervisor of a School of Allied Health Graduate, then we would focus on your observations about graduates competencies and your expectations regarding these for the roles you oversee.

#### **What are the benefits?**

The findings of the study will be used to inform and enhance how teaching and learning is developed in the School of Allied Health and contribute to understanding more about the transition from student to working healthcare professional in relation to interprofessional competencies.

#### **What are the risks?**

There are no known or anticipated risks to participation in this study. You might decide that you do not want to answer a question in the interview. If this happens, you do not have to answer the question, the interview will move on.

#### **What if I do not want to take part?**

Participation in this study is voluntary and you can choose not to take part or to stop your involvement in this study at any time.

### **What happens to the information?**

The information that is collected will be kept private and stored securely and safely on the researchers' computer. The computers are protected with a password. Your name will not appear on any information. You will be assigned a fictitious name when the information is being written in a report by the researcher. Audio recordings will be transcribed by the researcher or a professional transcription service. Transcriptions will be sent to the transcriptionist via a secure server. The transcription company will comply with GDPR and provide a statement of confidentiality. Transcripts will be stored in an encrypted file on a password protected computer. Data will be pseudonymised and real names will not be used in the findings of the research. Pseudonymised data in transcript format will be uploaded to NVivo data management software. The information that is gathered in the study will be kept for seven years. After this time, it will be destroyed.

### **Who else is taking part?**

Other graduates from the School of Allied Health and managers/supervisors of graduates from the health and social care sectors will be invited to participate in this study. If a greater number of participants than the number required are recruited, participants will be selected on a first come first served basis.

### **What if something goes wrong?**

In the unlikely event that something goes wrong, or a participant becomes upset or concerned, the interview session will immediately stop until the researcher and student(s) are ready to restart the session or the session would be stopped completely.

### **What happens at the end of the study?**

At the end of the study the information will be used to present results. The information will be kept anonymous to the greatest extent possible, by changing identifying details and using pseudonyms when using interviewees words in reports on the findings. No interviewee's name will appear in any of the results. All data gathered from the research will be stored securely and safely by the researcher (insert name) in their office for 7 years. Information that is stored on computer will be stored by Dr Pauline Boland on a computer that is password-protected.

### **What if I have more questions or do not understand something?**

If you have any questions about the study you may contact Dr Pauline Boland (details below). It is important that you feel that all your questions have been answered.

### **What happens if I change my mind during the study?**

At any stage should you feel that you want to stop taking part in the study, you are free to stop and take no further part. There are no consequences for changing your mind about being in the study.

### **Contact name and number of Project Investigators.**

#### **Principal Investigator**

Dr Pauline Boland, School of Allied Health, University of Limerick, 061

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Thank you for taking the time to read this. I would be grateful if you would consider participating in this study.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Paulie Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a thin orange line.

Faculty Member

***This research study has received Ethics approval from the Education and Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee (quote approval number). If you have any concerns about this study and wish to contact someone independent you may contact:***

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