

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

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### YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET

#### **Title of study**

**How does exposure to prehospital care influence medical students' clinical, communication, and inter-professional skills?**

#### **Invitation Paragraph**

I would like to invite you to participate in this research project which is based on the KCL Prehospital Care Programme. 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 study?**

The purpose of the study is to evaluate how you as medical students participating in the King's College London (KCL) Prehospital Care Programme (PCP) believe you have developed clinically and academically through the programme. Specifically, we are looking to better understand how your clinical and communication skills, as well as confidence assessing acutely unwell patients, have changed through the year of participation. We would also like to investigate how the PCP has improved inter-professional education (IPE) between medical students and ambulance personnel (paramedics, technicians etc).

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

You are being invited to participate in this study because you are applying to participate in the KCL prehospital care programme (PCP).

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

If you choose to take part in the study you will be asked to fill out a brief questionnaire before you start the programme, and a similar one at the end of the year. The questions will be based on your self-reported confidence assessing acutely unwell medical and trauma patients, as well as your experiences with patient communication and inter-professional education.

#### **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 sign a consent form and you will be given a copy of this consent form to keep. If you would not like to take part, you will be able to indicate 'I do not consent' on the consent document provided.

### **Data handling and confidentiality**

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

- Data will be stored online in a password-protected system
- Data will be pseudonymised, and no identifiable information will be included in the final write-up
- Data will not be stored after completion of the study
- Data will only be shared amongst the research team

### **Data Protection Statement**

The data controller for this project will be King's College London (KCL). The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. The legal basis for processing your personal data for research purposes under GDPR is a 'task in the public interest'. You can provide your consent for the use of your personal data in this study by completing the consent form that has been provided to you.

You have the right to access information held about you. Your right of access can be exercised in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation. You also have other rights including rights of correction, erasure, objection, and data portability. Questions, comments and requests about your personal data can also be sent to the King's College London Data Protection Officer Mr Albert Chan [info-compliance@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:info-compliance@kcl.ac.uk). If you wish to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office, please visit [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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

You are free to withdraw at any point of the study, without having to give a reason. Withdrawing from the study will not affect you in any way. You can withdraw your data from the study up until 31/07/2020, after which withdrawal of your data will no longer be possible as it will have been committed to the final report. If you choose to withdraw from the study, we will not retain the information you have given thus far.

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

The results of the study will be summarised in at the end of the academic year with the eventual aim of writing up the anonymised findings into a paper for publication.

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

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

Aditi Nijhawan - [Aditi.nijhawan@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Aditi.nijhawan@kcl.ac.uk)

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

If this study has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the study you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information:

Dr Sam Thenabadu - [Sam.thenabadu@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Sam.thenabadu@kcl.ac.uk)

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