

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

### PRISM: Professional Regulation In Social Media

Using the Awareness to Action (A2A) tool to make decisions about unprofessional behaviour on social media sites.

*We would like to invite you to take part in a research study. Before you decide to take part, we would like to provide you with some information about the research and what it will involve.*

Take as long as you need and please read the information carefully.

#### **What is the purpose of this research study?**

We have developed a decision-making tool to help assess incidents involving nurses on social media. This study will evaluate and assess whether the tool is fit for purpose, usable and consistent.

#### **Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen because you are a registered nurse with the Nursing & Midwifery Council or other registered healthcare professional in the United Kingdom.

#### **What will be involved if I agree to take part?**

There are two options:

1. You will be required to complete a survey using the A2A tool. You will be shown 5 different cases of behaviours on social media and use the A2A tool to show what decision you would make about how professional or unprofessional they are.
2. The second option will require to you to take the survey for a second time, approximately 2-4 weeks after the first. If you wish to help us with this part of the research you will be asked to share your email address at the end of the first survey.

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

No, you do not have to take part. This is completely your choice.

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

You will help to develop and validate the A2A tool for use by nursing and other healthcare professional groups. This aims to raise awareness of online professionalism and also consistency in how we assess online behaviours.

If you **choose to take the survey for a second time (option 2 above)**, and are one of the first 100 people to do so you will be eligible for a £10 Amazon e-voucher to reimburse you for your time and effort.

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

There are no risks to you if you decide to take part in this study.

**Is the study confidential?**

The information in this study will be kept confidential. Any data collected about you through your participation will not be stored with your personal details; so, you cannot be recognised.

**Who will have access to the data and where will it be held?**

The data will be kept within the Open University by the two lead investigators. It will be in a secure area and password protected. It will only be accessible to the research team and regulatory authorities.

**What if I change my mind?**

You can withdraw from the up until 30 September 2018 (the date when data will start to be analysed), without providing a reason. You will need to record your Unique Reference Number (URN) which you will create at the start of the survey. If you wish to withdraw you will need to quote this reference number to the Principal Investigator.

**What will happen with the results of this study?**

The results will be used to evaluate the A2A tool and confirm whether it is effective and consistent for its intended purpose. These results will be shared with the professional community and the public. You will also have the option to share your email at the end of the survey and we will share a final summary of the results with you towards the end of 2018.

**Who is funding the study?**

This study is funded by the Burdett Trust.

**Has the study been approved?**

Yes. This study has been approved by the Open University Health Research Ethics Committee, University of Derby Online Learning Research Ethics Committee and Human Research Authority.

**What if there is a problem?**

If you have any problems or are worried about anything to do with this study, you should first contact one of the research team members [g.s.ryan@open.ac.uk](mailto:g.s.ryan@open.ac.uk) or [marc.cornock@open.ac.uk](mailto:marc.cornock@open.ac.uk)

If you work for the University of Derby you may contact the Research Ethics Committee [UDOL-ethics@derby.ac.uk](mailto:UDOL-ethics@derby.ac.uk)

**Who should I contact for further information about the study?**

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