

Participant Information Sheet

Title of the Research Project: Evaluating Environmental Sustainability Practices in US and UK Hospitals: Lessons from International Strategies

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Introduction:

You are being invited to participate in a research study. Before you decide to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve.

Purpose of the Study:

The purpose of this research is to evaluate the effectiveness of current environmental sustainability strategies in hospitals in the US and UK, and identify international practices that could enhance these efforts. The study aims to provide actionable insights to improve the sustainability of healthcare facilities, benefiting both the environment and public health.

Why Have I Been Chosen?

You have been chosen to participate in this study because of your role in healthcare and your involvement or experience with sustainability practices within your hospital in either the US or the UK.

What Will Participation Involve?

- Surveys: You will be asked to complete a survey that will take approximately 5-10 minutes.
- Interviews: You may also be invited to participate in an interview lasting about 15-30 minutes. This interview will involve discussing your experiences and perspectives on sustainability practices in your hospital.

The interviews will be conducted via video conferencing, using Zoom or Teams, at a time convenient for you.

Voluntary Participation:

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You can choose not to participate or to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason and without any negative consequences.

Confidentiality:

All information collected from you will be kept strictly confidential. Data will be anonymized and stored securely in accordance with data protection laws. Only the researcher will have access to the data, and it will be used solely for the purposes of this research.

Use of Information:

The information you provide will be used to:

- Evaluate current sustainability practices in hospitals in the US and UK.
- Identify successful international practices that could be adapted to the US and UK contexts.
- Inform policy recommendations and improve hospital operations.
- Contribute to the field of international business management by highlighting the role of cross-border knowledge transfer in addressing global environmental challenges.

The results of this research will be used solely for academic purposes, specifically for my dissertation. No personally identifiable information will be disclosed in any publications or presentations.

Benefits and Risks:

There are no significant risks associated with participating in this study. Your participation will contribute to a better understanding of environmental sustainability in healthcare and potentially lead to improvements in hospital practices that benefit both the environment and public health.

Thank you for considering participating in this study. Your insights and experiences are invaluable and will greatly contribute to the success of this research.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read and understood this information sheet and agree to participate in the study.

Participant's Printed Signature

Participant's Signature Date

Consent Form

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Participant Consent Form

Please read the following information carefully before agreeing to participate in this study. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may withdraw at any time without consequence.

1. I have read and understood the information sheet provided.
2. I understand the purpose of the study and what my participation will involve.
3. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason.
4. I understand that all information I provide will be kept confidential and that my data will be anonymized.
5. I understand that the data collected will be used solely for academic purposes, specifically for Sydney Stevens' dissertation.
6. I understand that I can contact the researcher at any time if I have questions or concerns about the study.

By clicking "I Agree" below, you indicate that you have read and understood the above information and consent to participate in this study.

I Agree

I Do Not Agree

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