**INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS**

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

**Title of study**

Understanding healthcare staff’s awareness and perceived effectiveness of climate change mitigation strategies in healthcare, as a basis to inform service improvements.

**Invitation Paragraph**

I would like to invite you to participate in this research project which forms part of my MSc dissertation on ‘Sustainable Healthcare in the UK’. 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 this study isto understand perceptions of staff on climate change and health, to gauge awareness of sustainability initiatives currently operating within the NHS, and to analyse the perceived effectiveness and engagement with such initiatives. This will help to develop effective methods of implementing sustainable practice into the UK health service.Sustainability is to play an essential role within healthcare organisations as climate change mitigation becomes increasingly relevant on agendas.

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

You are being invited to participate becauseyou are a member of a UK-based healthcare organisation and will therefore be exposed to move towards sustainable practice.

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

If you agree to take part, you will complete the survey anonymously. The survey will ask you questions about your level of agreement with a series of statements, and some may ask you to expand on your answers with free text. The survey will take you approximately 7 minutes to complete.

**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. If you choose to take part you will be asked to provide your consent. To do this you will be asked to indicate that you have read and understand the information provided and that you consent to your anonymous data being used for the purposes explained.

You are free to withdraw at any point during completion of the survey, without having to give a reason. Withdrawing from the study will not affect you in any way. Once you submit the survey, it will no longer be possible to withdraw from the study because the data will be fully anonymous. Please do not include any personal identifiable information in your responses.

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

Your data will be stored anonymously and not used for any other purposes aside from research. It may be used for secondary data analysis at a later point.

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

If you wish to obtain a copy of the final report, or would like to be involved in further projects using the data from this research study, you may provide your personal details independently from your anonymous survey data by emailing the research organiser on k20102422@kcl.ac.uk. Your personal details will be deleted once you have been sent a copy of the final report. This ensures that your answers to the survey questions are truly anonymous.

**Data handling and confidentiality**

This research is anonymous. This means that nobody, including the researchers, will be aware of your identity, and that nobody will be able to connect you to the answers you provide, even indirectly. Your answers will nevertheless be treated confidentially and the information you provide will not allow you to be identified in any research outputs/publications. Your data will be held securely**.**

Any personal data collected independently of the anonymous survey as described elsewhere in this information sheet will be processed under the terms of UK data protection law (including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018). If you would like more information about how your data will be processed under the terms of UK data protection laws please visit the link below:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/support/research-ethics/kings-college-london-statement-on-use-of-personal-data-in-research>

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

The results of the study will be summarised in a King’s College London MSc: Climate Change dissertation by the researcher. Analysis will be carried out and conclusion drawn based on the results. The data tables will be included in the appendix. The data obtained in this study may be used as secondary data in further research projects.

**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:

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**k20102422@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:

**k20102422@kcl.ac.uk**

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