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The JACK Trial Information Sheet and Consent Form for Students

Hi, my name is Theresa McShane and I work at Queen's University Belfast. **I would like to invite you to take part in a research study called 'The JACK Trial'**. As part of our research we are asking all Year 11 students to take part in a survey on their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about teenage pregnancy, provided your parents/carers have not chosen to opt-out of providing consent for you to participate. This should take about 30 minutes. You will be asked to fill in the same questionnaire again this time next year so we can see if your answers change over time. The answers you give will help us to try and improve young people's health. Please read the information below before you decide if you want to join in. If you have any questions about this information or about the questionnaire please ask the researcher or a teacher.

The questionnaire has some questions about sexual experience and relationships which some people might feel embarrassed about. While it would be great if you could answer all the questions, you do not have to answer a question if it makes you feel uncomfortable; just leave it blank. A trained researcher will be here to make sure you have the peace and privacy you need to fill in the questionnaire. The researcher can also answer any questions you have. Your participation is voluntary and you can stop taking part at any time without having to give a reason by telling your teacher, any member of the research team present or by contacting the members of the research team whose details are provided in this information sheet. They will talk with your teacher to make alternative arrangements for you during class periods where the research study is under way.

If your school is using the JACK resource, one of your lessons may be observed by a researcher. The researcher will introduce themselves to you but will then observe quietly from the back of the classroom and make some notes. The purpose of the observation is to see how the teacher is using the resource in the classroom and we will not collect any information about you. The researcher will not be recording anything you say

The questionnaires are completely confidential. Your questionnaires will be taken to our offices and your name will not be on them. When we write reports based on the research, you will not be named or in any way be identified. Before any research goes ahead it has to be checked by a Research Ethics Committee. They make sure that the research is fair. This project has been checked by the Queen's University Belfast School of Nursing & Midwifery Research Ethics Committee.

Will we tell anyone what you say in the questionnaire?

- No. You will not be asked to put your name on the questionnaire and the researchers will not use the names of individuals or schools when they write about the research.
- When you get your questionnaire you will see that it has barcode on the front. Back at the university offices, that barcode is linked to your name. We need to know your name so we can make sure we give you the right questionnaire at each of the three time points. Your name is stored in a secure database in the university and we do not use it for any other reason. Only members of the research team have access to that database.
- This is really important: We will never tell your teachers, parents or anyone else about anything you write in the questionnaire unless you write something that suggests you or someone else is in danger.
- So, for example, we will NEVER tell anyone your postcode, who you live with, whether or not you have had sex, whether you've ever had a sexually transmitted infection. We will never tell anyone the answers to your questions on the questionnaire.
- There is only one circumstance under which we would go back and link your questionnaire to your name and that is if you tell us something that suggests you or someone else is in danger. So for example, if you write in the questionnaire that you are being bullied or abused in some way or that you know someone who is feeling suicidal then we must trace the questionnaire back to you and tell your teacher or principal.
- If you are worried or upset about anything please don't write it in the questionnaire (it could be missed because your answers are scanned into a computer and it will be a long time before we get to look at the questionnaires) but speak to your parents/carers/teacher about it. We will also give you a ChildLine card in case anything upsets you and you need to talk to someone confidentially.

We hope that you will enjoy taking part in the study. However, if you feel in any way upset as a result of taking part or unhappy with anything that happens during the study you can talk to your parents/carers, your teachers or to the researchers.

Further information and contact details

If you would like further information about the research, please contact Dr Theresa McShane, JACK Trial Research Fellow Northern Ireland, Queen's University Belfast, 02890 972871, Email] or Dr Susan Lagdon, JACK Trial Project Manager, Queen's University Belfast, 0044 (0)28 90972871, s.lagdon@qub.ac.uk

JACK TRIAL CONSENT FORM FOR STUDENTS

Please fill in the boxes below to let us know if you are happy to take part in the research.

This form will be kept separately from the questionnaire.

Name (Write in capitals) Form Class:.....

I have read the information above.

I understand that I can choose to take part or not.

I understand that I can stop taking part at any time.

I am happy to fill in the questionnaires.

To answer, 'yes' please tick ✓ each box.

Signed Date

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