

Information Leaflet

Study title: *A qualitative study exploring existential concerns emerging in therapy for adolescents and young adults diagnosed with cancer: Insights from the Psychotherapists chair*

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You are being invited to take part in a research study to be carried out at Dublin Business School as part of a qualification for MA Psychotherapy.

Before you decide whether or not you wish to take part, you should read the information provided below carefully. Take time to ask questions – don't feel rushed and don't feel under pressure to make a quick decision.

Please note that you do not have to take part in this study and you can change your mind about taking part in the study any time you like. Even if the study has started, you can still opt out. You don't have to give a reason.

Why is this study being done?

The rationale for this study is based on a review of the literature which revealed the degree of existential distress experienced by adolescents and young adults with cancer is largely unknown.

Who is organising this study?

This study is part of the requirements for completion of the MA Psychotherapy at DBS.

Why am I being asked to take part?

You are being invited to take part in this study due to your expertise in working with adolescents and young adults who have been diagnosed with cancer.

How will the study be carried out?

You will be invited to part-take in an interview of no longer than 50 minutes at a time of your convenience. You will be invited to talk about your experiences as a psychotherapist working with adolescents and young adults (16-24) with cancer. Interviews can be facilitated either face to face or online.

What will happen to me if I agree to take part?

If you agree to take part, you will be invited to attend an interview at a time of your

If you agree to take part, you will be invited to attend an interview at a time of your convenience. Interviews will be recorded and transcribed after, but any identifying material will be omitted to protect your confidentiality.

Video/and or Audio recordings?

An audio recording will be made of the interview and a transcript will be written up after. However, any identifying material will be removed on this transcript. You will have the right to review this transcript if you so wish.

What are the benefits?

The benefit of taking part in this study is to contribute to research, demonstrating valuable insights from the field of psychotherapy, and potentially advancing the understanding of existential concerns among adolescents and young adults with cancer.

What are the risks?

There are no known risks to taking part in this study.

Is the study confidential?

Yes, your identity will remain confidential throughout this research study. Your name will not be published and will not be disclosed to anyone outside of the research group. The audio files of the interview will be stored on a password protected PC and only the DBS researcher will have access to this. Any identifiable material will be removed from the transcripts. It is hoped that the results from this study will be published, but again any identifying material will be removed.

Data Protection

The purpose for carrying out this study is to contribute to research in the field of psychotherapy, with the potential to deepen our understanding of existential concerns among adolescents and young adults who have/had cancer.

You have the right to withdraw consent to your personal data being used in this research project. You will be able to do this by contacting the principal investigator of this study.

- 1. We will be using your experiences in our research to help understand existential concerns emerging in therapy for adolescents and young adults diagnosed with cancer*
- 2. The legal basis under which we will be processing your data is for scientific research purposes – see Article 6 and 9 of the General Data Protection Regulation 2016.*
- 3. Your experiences and opinions of taking part in this study will be analysed by the research team and possibly written up for the purposed of publication. However, any data used will be de-identified*

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- 4. Data will only be stored until the point of publication*
- 5. Any risks and/or implications that might arise for the data subject as a result of the data processing will be minimal given the fact that data will be pseudo-anonymised at source and will not leave the site of collection.*
- 6. You have a right to withdraw consent for participation in this study at any time up to the*

point of data analysis. You can do this by contacting the principal investigator.

7. *You also have a right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Commissioner if you feel any grievances throughout your participation in this research project.*
8. *You have a right to request access to your interview transcript and have a copy of it, unless your request would make it impossible or make it very difficult to conduct the research.*
9. *You have the right to restrict or object to processing, unless your request would make it impossible or make it very difficult to conduct the research e.g. if you do not want your data shared but do not mind having it collected and stored.*
10. *You have the right to have any inaccurate information about you corrected or deleted, unless this request would make it impossible or make it very difficult to conduct the research.*
11. *You have the right to have your personal data deleted, unless your request would make it impossible or make it very difficult to conduct the research. e.g. you wanted to delete your data at the end of a research project just before it is due to be published.*
12. *You have a right to data portability, meaning you have a right to move your data from one controller to another in a readable format.*
13. *If the research team intend to further process your personal data, you have the right to be informed with information on that other purpose.*

Where can I get further information?

If you have any further questions about the study or if you want to opt out of the study or if you need any further information, please contact:

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