

Questionnaire Participant Information Sheet

Who can take part?

If you are a female stoma bag wearer, and you are 18 years of age or over, then you can complete this questionnaire.

Why take part?

The aim of the research is to collect opinions on swimming and swimwear from female stoma bag wearers. The reason for this is so that the researcher can develop a swimsuit to cater for the needs of female stoma bag wearer. This will hopefully improve the swimwear options available to female stoma bag wearers in the future.

How long will the questionnaire take?

The time spent to complete the questionnaire is up to you. There are some very quick short questions and some which take a little more time and thought to complete. Please answer all questions applicable to you, however if there are any questions you do not wish to answer just leave them blank.

What happens after I've agreed to complete a questionnaire?

After reading this information sheet you can accept the question "do you consent to this questionnaire?" at the beginning of the questionnaire and continue to complete it.

What about my privacy and confidentiality?

All questionnaires will be completed anonymously; the researcher will not know who has completed each questionnaire. The research will only be seen by the researcher and her project tutors.

The responses you provide may be used in the researchers final year dissertation, direct quotes may be taken from the material but will remain completely anonymous. All information collected from you will be destroyed within 18 months of the research taking place, with the exception of the facts printed.

At the end of the questionnaire there is a question that asks whether you would mind the researcher following-up the responses you provide. This would be done by asking further questions sent by email. If you don't mind me doing this, please tick the box and add your name and email address. Otherwise, just leave it blank.

If I agree to complete a questionnaire now, can I change my mind?

Yes you are able to withdraw from the questionnaire at any time throughout completion. Simply do not submit the questionnaire and shut down your web browser. You free to return and complete the questionnaire at any time.

Who developed this questionnaire?

This questionnaire has been developed by Michelle Dobson, a final year Fashion Technology BSc student from De Montfort University, Leicester. The questionnaire has been developed to provide background and scope for her dissertation project.

Who has reviewed the questionnaire?

The questionnaire has been reviewed by De Montfort University's Ethics Committee.

How will I be able to get in touch with the researcher?

The researcher is contactable via email at P0927896x@myemail.dmu.ac.uk

If you have any further questions about anything to do with the questionnaire please feel free to contact the researcher.

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