



LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY Participant Information Sheet For Parent/Carer/family member

LJMU's Research Ethics Committee Approval Reference:

Title of Study Bullybusters: An evaluation of an anti-bullying intervention scheme.

You are being invited to take part in a study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the study is being done and what participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

1. Who will conduct the study?

Study Team

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Co-investigator: Professor Kay Standing

School/Faculty within LJMU: APS/HSS

2. What is the purpose of the study?

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the Bullybusters anti-bullying intervention scheme to see what is working well, what needs improving and to consider changes moving forward. The evaluation will help to develop Bullybusters further. The evaluation is about the delivery of the service and not that of any bullying issues you or your child may have had.

3. Why have I been invited to participate?

You have been invited to take part in this study as someone who has experience of using the Bullybusters service.

The study is being advertised on the Bullybusters website as well as their social media accounts. Additionally Bullybusters has emailed its schools, colleges and places where it has delivered its service.

4. Do I have to take part?

We would really like you to participate but there is no obligation to do so. If you do want to participate, please read through this information sheet and take the short online anonymous questionnaire via this link:

<https://ijmu.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/final-parent-carerguardianfamily-member>

By completing the questionnaire, you are consenting to participate in the study. If you decide mid-way through the questionnaire, you do not want to continue just close the browser on your device and no information will be saved.

5. What will happen to me if I take part?

If you would like to take part in the study, we invite you to complete a short online anonymous questionnaire. The questionnaire should take no more than 5-10 minutes to complete. By completing the questionnaire, you are consenting to participate in the study. If you would like your child age 11-15 to participate too you can invite them to do so by you sending the **link below this information**. They can also access the questionnaire from the Bb website or social media sites, with your permission they can complete the questionnaire. This is you consenting for them to participate if they want they can complete the online survey too. If they decide mid-way through the questionnaire, they do not want to continue they just close the browser on their device and no information will be saved. If your child is 16-18 they may also participate without your permission but we highly recommend they tell you they are participating so you can support them if needed. The link to the questionnaire can be found here:

<https://ijmu.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/final-young-person-age-11-15>

6. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

Whilst there will be no direct benefits to you for taking part in the study, but it is hoped that this work will enable Bullybusters to develop their work going further.

7. What will happen to the data provided and how will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?

The information you provide as part of the study is the **study data**. You will not be identifiable in any ensuing reports or publications we will not be asking for your name.

8. What will happen to the results of the study?

How we will use the questionnaire?

We will use the information from the questionnaire to create two reports for Bullybusters. The report will help them improve their service.

Reports are for;

- 1- Local Solutions Bullybusters funder
- 2- Executive summary for stakeholders

Additionally we write a peer-reviewed journal article, a Conversation piece to coincide with anti-bullying week and we will presentation the finding at a Local Solution event during anti-bullying week November 2021 in Liverpool.

9. Who is organising and funding/commissioning the study?

This study is organised by Liverpool John Moores University and funded/commissioned by Local Solutions.

10. Who has reviewed this study?

This study has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, the Liverpool John Moores University Research Ethics Committee (Reference number: 21/HSS/004)

11. What if something goes wrong?

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact the relevant investigator who will do their best to answer your query. The investigator should acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how they intend to deal with it. If you wish to make a complaint, please contact the chair of the Liverpool John Moores University Research Ethics Committee (researchethics@ljmu.ac.uk) and your communication will be re-directed to an independent person as appropriate.

12. Data Protection Notice

We will not gather personal data from you.

Liverpool John Moores University is the sponsor for this study based in the United Kingdom.

[If you remain unsatisfied](https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/), you may wish to contact the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Contact details, and details of data subject rights, are available on the ICO website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/data-protection-reform/overview-of-the-gdpr/individuals-rights/>

13. Contact for further information

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Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering to take part in this study.

Note: A copy of the participant information sheet should be retained by the participant completing the online questionnaire if you are consenting to taking part in the study.

This study has received ethical approval from LJMU's Research Ethics Committee

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If you have any concerns regarding your involvement in this research, please discuss these with the researcher in the first instance. If you wish to make a complaint, please contact researchethics@ljmu.ac.uk and your communication will be re-directed to an independent person as appropriate.

If you need to talk to someone about how you are feeling contact Bullybusters



0151 330 2012 3pm-6pm Mon-Friday

Website <https://www.bullybusters.org.uk/>

Email BBusters@localsolutions.org.uk

Or

Young Persons Advisory Service (YPAS)



Central Hub: 0151 707 1025

North Hub: 0151 305 2040

South Hub: 0151 305 2030

(See website for opening times)

Website <https://ypas.org.uk/>

Email support@ypas.org.uk

Or

Childline



9-midnight (chat service)

Or

Samaritans

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116 123 (24 hours a day all year round)

Website <https://www.samaritans.org/>

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