



Student Participant Information Leaflet

Name of Study: Investigating the experiences of students with ADHD from university entrance to graduation: An evidence base for effective support systems.

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Data Controllers	Trinity College Dublin Disability Service (for research data)
Data Protection Officer	Data Protection Officer Secretary's Office Trinity College Dublin Dublin 2

Introduction:

You are being invited to take part in a research study that is being conducted by Dr Alison Doyle (Educational Psychologist, Disability Service) and Dr. Olive Healy (Professor of Psychology) in Trinity College Dublin. Oversight of the project is maintained through the project Steering Committee whose membership consists of senior Disability Service staff, members of the Ability Co-op, and undergraduate and postgraduate student volunteers. This is a co-created, co-produced, and collaborative research project between Disability Service staff and students with ADHD.

Before you decide whether or not you wish to take part, please read this information sheet carefully. Ask Alison Doyle any questions you need to. Do not feel rushed or under pressure to make a quick decision. You should understand the risks and benefits of taking part in this study so that you can make a decision that is right for you. You may wish to discuss it with your family, friends or GP.

This leaflet has five main parts:

Part 1 – The Study

Part 2 – Data Protection

Part 3 – Costs, Funding and Approval

Part 4 – Further Information

Why are we doing this study?

We are conducting this study to develop a deeper understanding of the student experience of managing ADHD in Trinity College. We hope that by understanding this we can improve supports for students with ADHD.

Why have I been invited to take part?

- You have been invited to participate as a student with ADHD attending Trinity College Dublin.
- You may also be registered with the Disability Service and this research is aimed at capturing a deeper exploration of your college experience from an academic and support perspective.
- This research will involve you participating in an online survey and self-selecting for an in-depth individual interview focused on your experience of managing ADHD in college.

Do I have to take part?

Participation in this study is completely voluntary. If you agree to take part, you are free to withdraw from the survey at any stage by closing the browser window. If you agree to take part in an interview, you are free to withdraw from the survey at any stage up to the point when data from all participants has been merged for analysis (scheduled for November 2022). You can withdraw for any reason, without penalty or consequence. If data has already been collected from you, this data will be destroyed and not included in analyses.

What happens if I change my mind?

You can change your mind about the interview at any time by contacting Alison Doyle and informing her of same. If you choose not to continue to take part, this will not affect your college career in any way. If you choose not to take part anymore, you will be asked to complete a withdrawal form. If you wish, you can ask for your data to be destroyed. If you request this, we will destroy all datum that are still in our possession. We will no longer use or share your data for research from this point onwards. However, it will not be possible to destroy data already used in research studies prior to this time.

How will this study be carried out?

This study is due to commence in December 2022. You will receive an email invitation to complete an online survey. If you self-select to take part in an interview, you will be contacted by the researcher to arrange a suitable time/date to complete a 30-40-minute online interview using Microsoft Teams or Zoom or in-person if you prefer. A semi-structured interview schedule has been developed based on previous studies investigating

ADHD in college (Kwon, Kim, & Kwak, 2018; Sedgewick, 2018; Stamp, Banerjee, & Brown (2014).

The main researcher (Alison Doyle) and / or another member of the Disability Service team who is not known to you will conduct the interview and record this using either the Microsoft Teams platform or Otter.ai automated transcription or the Microsoft Voice Recorder app. The content of your interview will be transcribed and this information will be used to explore your experience of ADHD in college. The original recording of your interview will be deleted once the transcription is completed.

What will happen to my information if I decide to take part?

It will be necessary to retain the Consent Form (personal data) until the research data has been depleted or destroyed in order to provide evidence of consent in accordance with legislation in the area of health research (health related regulations).

Are there any benefits to taking part in this research?

Taking part in this study may directly benefit you by contributing to improved supports for students with ADHD in Trinity College Dublin. Statistical and thematic analysis of your anonymous survey responses and anonymized interview information may help us to better understand the impact of ADHD in college and to improve supports for students with ADHD in college. By participating, you are helping to enhance supports for future students.

Are there any risks to taking part?

There is a minimal risk that a connection to your identity could be made. Great care will be taken to ensure the confidentiality of all data and the risk to participants of a breach of confidentiality is considered very low. All digital consent forms will be saved in cloud storage (Microsoft One Drive) in Trinity College Dublin. Only the main researcher has access to this cloud storage. Cloud recordings of interviews will be deleted securely once the information is transcribed. The survey is completely anonymous and we will not collect IP addresses.

Will I be able to access the outcome of the study?

A detailed report of the study outcomes will be shared with all participants and with officers of Trinity College Dublin. The results of the study will be reported in scientific journals and disclosed at scientific conferences. No information which reveals your identity will be disclosed.

What information about me (personal data) will be used as part of this study? Will my medical records be accessed?

No personal data will be used as part of this study. Your interview consent form will be retained for evidence.

What will happen to my personal data?

Digitally signed interview consent forms will be saved in cloud storage for seven years following completion of the study.

Who will access and use my personal data as part of this study?

Dr Alison Doyle, Educational Psychologist, Disability Service, Trinity College Dublin, will have access to your interview consent form and your transcript. This data will remain in password-protected and encrypted cloud storage within Trinity College Dublin.

Will my personal data be kept confidential? How will my data be kept safe?

Your privacy is important to us. We take many steps to make sure that we protect your confidentiality and keep your data safe. Here are some examples of how we do this:

- A Data Protection Impact Assessment was carried out and level of risk is deemed to be minimal.
- Any presentations or publications in relation to the study cannot identify the participant.
- All persons carrying out this research are bound by a contractual code of privacy and **confidentiality**
- **Training in data protection law and practice has been provided to all individuals involved in carrying out this research.**

What is the lawful basis to use my personal data?

By law,¹ we can use your personal information for scientific research² (in the public interest³). We also ask for your explicit consent to use your data as a requirement of the Irish Health Research Regulations.

What are my rights?

You are entitled to:

- The right to access to your data and receive a copy of it where it can be identified and extracted.

¹ The European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

² Article 9(2) (j))

³ (Article 6(1)(e)

- The right to restrict or object to processing of your data.
- The right to object to any further processing of the information we hold about you (except where it is de-identified).
- The right to have inaccurate information about you corrected or deleted where it can be identified and deleted.
- The right to receive your data in a portable format and to have it transferred to another data controller if it can be identified and retrieved.
- The right to request deletion of your data where it can be identified and deleted.

By law you can exercise the following rights in relation to your personal data, unless the request would make it impossible or very difficult to conduct the research. You can exercise these rights by contacting Alison Doyle doylea6@tcd.ie or the Trinity College Data Protection Officer, Secretary's Office, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2, Ireland. Email: dataprotection@tcd.ie. Website: www.tcd.ie/privacy.

Part 3 – Costs, Funding and Approval

Has this study been approved by a research ethics committee?

This study has been approved by the Trinity College School of Psychology Research Ethics Committee. Approval was granted on 8 November 2022.

Who is organising and funding this study? Will the results be used for commercial purposes?

The study is being conducted by Trinity College Dublin. Participants are not paid to participate in the study, and results will not be used for commercial purposes.

Part 4 – Further Information

Who should I contact for information or complaints?

If you have any concerns or questions, you can contact:

- Principal Investigator: Dr Alison Doyle, doylea6@tcd.ie 0877426260
- Data Protection Officer, Trinity College Dublin: Data Protection Officer, Secretary's Office, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2, Ireland. Email: dataprotection@tcd.ie. Website: www.tcd.ie/privacy.

Under GDPR, if you are not satisfied with how your data is being processed, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Data Protection Commission, 21 Fitzwilliam Square South, Dublin 2, Ireland. Website: www.dataprotection.ie.

Will I be contacted again?

You will not be contacted again once the research has been completed. If you would like to take part in an interview for this study, you will be asked to sign a participant consent form. You will be given a copy of this information leaflet and the signed Consent Form to keep.