

## Participant Information Leaflet



| Study Name: ANP/AMP in Research |   |
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| Site                            | Online recruitment throughout the Republic of Ireland.<br><br>Dublin  |
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# The Survey

*We are a group of academics (TCD School of Nursing and Midwifery) and ANPs from Dublin Midlands Hospital Group who are interested in the research aspect of the role of the ANP/AMP. Before you decide whether or not you wish to take part, you should read the information provided on these pages carefully. Take time to read the information and don't feel rushed or under pressure to make a quick decision to participate or not. You should understand any risks or 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 colleagues.*

*This leaflet has five main parts:*

*Part 1 – The Study*

*Part 2 – Data Protection*

*Part 3 – Costs, Funding and Approval*

*Part 4 – Future Research*

*Part 5 – Further Information*

## Part 1 – The Study

### Why is this study being done?

The aim of this research project is to explore the current role of the Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) or Advanced Midwife Practitioner (AMP) in the research process and to identify the barriers to their participation in research.

### Why have I been invited to take part?

You are being asked to take part because you are a Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner (RANP) or Advanced Midwife Practitioner (RAMP) in the Republic of Ireland.

### Do I have to take part? What happens if I say no? Can I withdraw?

It is important to note that:

- Participation is **voluntary** and you do not have to take part.
- If you decide not to consent, this decision will have no impact on your work or future in the Irish healthcare setting.
- This is an online survey and once you give consent you can proceed with participation in the survey.
- If you stop the survey after several questions, your responses will not be included in the study.
- You can exit the survey before submitting your responses at the end of the survey and your responses will not be included.
- If you decide to complete the online survey, please be aware that we will not be able to delete your survey feedback, as the survey is anonymous, and it will not be possible to identify your survey from any other participant's.

### **How will the study be carried out?**

The study involves an online survey. A questionnaire has been developed in Qualtrics, an approved company for conducting online surveys used by TCD that is General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliant and provides a secure, encrypted service for the transfer of data that keeps your data safe. All data transmitted to the Qualtrics platform are encrypted using the industry standard Transport Layer Security (TLS) protocol.

‘Anonymise Response’ in Survey Options has been enabled so that no location or internet protocol (IP) information is collected.

As data will be encrypted, your identity cannot be tracked or traced. Thus, confidentiality is guaranteed as data will be returned anonymously. You will be asked to tick your consent to participate in the online survey prior to commencing same.

You are requested **not** to provide any information in your responses that might, directly or indirectly, identify any other individual, in order to protect their rights.

The link to this online questionnaire has been emailed to the following:

1. Registered ANPs and AMPs in the HSE Dublin and Midlands Health Region by Ms Eileen Whelan (Chief Director of Nursing, Midwifery & Quality of the HSE Dublin and Midlands Health Region).
2. Members of the Irish Association of Advanced Nurse Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP)

The information on this study has also been publicised on the following web page:  
<https://www.tcd.ie/tcphi/research/research-practice/anp-amp-in-research/index.php>

This study has also been publicised on social media.

### **What will happen if I decide to take part?**

If after reading this information leaflet, you are interested in participating, you can proceed to the survey by clicking on the link to the survey.

If you confirm that you meet the study’s eligibility criteria (i.e. that you are a Registered ANP or AMP) and if you actively tick to indicate your consent, you will then proceed to the online survey. If at any stage you decide not to continue with the survey and abandon it, the previously entered data will not be stored.

### **Are there any benefits to me or others if I take part in the study?**

There are no direct benefits to you, but the findings from the study will be used to develop research supports for ANPs/ AMPs in practice.

### **Are there any risks to me or others if I take part in the study?**

This is a low-risk study. Data will be processed in a way that is necessary to achieve the objectives of this study and will not be processed in a way that damage or distress will be caused to the participant. If you have any concerns about this study, you are welcome to contact me, Gobnait Byrne at [gobnait.byrne@tcd.ie](mailto:gobnait.byrne@tcd.ie)

### **What are my rights?**

Participation in this research is entirely voluntary. You may exit the survey at any time. However, once the survey is complete and submitted it will not be possible to retract your data as the survey is anonymous.

### **Will I be told the outcome of the study?**

The results of this study will be reported in nursing / midwifery /medical / scientific journals and presented at academic conferences.

## **Part 2 – Data Protection**

### **What information about me (personal data) will be collected as part of this study?**

No personal data will be collected. This is an anonymous survey and thus it will not be possible to identify individuals from the information collected.

### **What will happen to my data, access to data and how will my data be kept safe?**

No personal data is required from you. All data entered into the survey is entered anonymously. The anonymous data will be downloaded from Qualtrics and saved on a password protected computer to a secure project folder on the School of Nursing and Midwifery research server in Trinity College Dublin. Once saved to the TCD server, the data will be deleted from Qualtrics. The only individuals who will have access to the raw anonymous data will be, Dr Gobnait Byrne, Dr Sarah Nally and Ms Aoife Feeney.

In line with the School of Nursing and Midwifery Ethics Research Committee (SNMREC) guidelines, data will be kept on the secure, encrypted, TCD server for a maximum of three years after publication of study results after which they will be destroyed. No third parties will have access to the data.

Because no personal or identifiable information is being collected or processed, there is no risk of your identity being disclosed or a data breach occurring. The principal investigator, Gobnait Byrne, will follow Trinity College Dublin's Data Protection Breaches procedures that comply with GDPR. A risk assessment has been carried out and the project has been identified as low risk. The principal investigator, Gobnait Byrne, has successfully completed training in data protection law and practice.

### **What is the lawful basis to use of my personal data?**

As no personal or identifiable information is collected this online survey falls outside the remit of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

## Part 3 – Costs, Funding and Approval

### Is there any payment for taking part? Will it cost me anything if I agree to take part?

There is no payment for taking part. It will not cost you anything if you agree to take part in this study.

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

There is no funding for this study. The results will not be used for any commercial purposes.

### Has this study been approved by a research ethics committee?

Ethical approval for this study has been given by the Trinity College Dublin School of Nursing and Midwifery Research Ethics Committee on 14th April 2025. Any amendments to the study will be submitted to the Committee prior to being implemented.

## Part 4 – Future Research

### Will my personal data be used in future studies?

No personal data will be collected as part of this study.

## Part 5 – Further Information

### Who should I contact for information?

If you need any further information now or at any time in the future, please contact:

- Gobnait Byrne [Gobnait.byrne@tcd.ie](mailto:Gobnait.byrne@tcd.ie)

#### Data Controller's contact details

- Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin, College Green, Dublin 2, D02 PN40, Ireland.

#### Data Protection Officer:

- Data Protection Officer Secretary's Office, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2
- Email [dataprotection@tcd.ie](mailto:dataprotection@tcd.ie)

### Will I be contacted again?

No personal data (including contact details) are required or collected from you. This means you cannot be contacted in the future. Regardless of whether you choose to participate in the survey, you will not be contacted at any stage.

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| <b>What happens if I wish to make a complaint?</b> |
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If you have any concerns or questions, you can contact:

- Dr Gobnait Byrne [Gobnait.byrne@tcd.ie](mailto:Gobnait.byrne@tcd.ie)

If you wish to make a complaint about this research project to someone not directly connected with the study, relevant contact details are listed below.

- School of Nursing & Midwifery Research, School of Nursing & Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin,  
E-mail [snmresearch@tcd.ie](mailto:snmresearch@tcd.ie)
- Data Protection Officer, Trinity College Dublin: E-mail [dataprotection@tcd.ie](mailto:dataprotection@tcd.ie)  
Website: [www.tcd.ie/privacy](http://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: [dataprotection@tcd.ie](mailto:dataprotection@tcd.ie).

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