

## **Opening statement for an online questionnaire**

You are being invited to participate in an online survey asking for ethnic minority female health and social care workers' to share their experiences with face masks'. This study is being implemented by Dr Amisha Desai and Dr Louise Jennings from the University of Leeds.

The purpose of this online survey is to gather information on safety and suitability of face masks in ethnic minorities frontline female health and social care workers, and any outcomes due to their unsuitability, to inform a future potential research study and application, with the aim of advancing face mask safety and suitability for frontline female health and social care workers, and will take you approximately 15 minutes to complete. Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary and you can withdraw from the study without giving a reason during the completion survey. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to.

We believe there are no known risks associated with this study; however, as with any online related activity the risk of a breach is always possible. Your participation in this study will remain confidential, and only anonymised data will be published. Upon completion of the study, we will keep the data for a minimum of three years. Further information is available via the University of Leeds [Privacy Notice](#).

## **Consent to take part in the project: Face Mask for Everyone**

- I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet explaining the above study and I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the study.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time during the survey and afterwards up until the anonymised data has been published without giving any reason and without there being any negative consequences.
- I understand that should I not wish to answer any particular question or questions, I am free to decline.
- I give permission for members of the research team to have access to my responses. I understand that my name will not be linked with the research materials, and I will not be identified or identifiable in the report or reports that result from the study.
- I agree for the data collected from me to be stored in an anonymised form and used in relevant future study.
- I understand that relevant sections of the data collected during the study, may be looked at by auditors from the University of Leeds or from regulatory authorities where it is relevant to my taking part in this study. I give permission for these individuals to have access to my data.
- I agree to take part in the above study and will inform the lead researcher should my contact details change during the project.

I consent to participate in the online survey.