

Participant Information Sheet



DATE: 10th April 2024

TITLE OF RESEARCH STUDY

From Childcare to CORU - the suitability of social care education for practice from 1971 to 2024.

Overview

You are being invited to participate in a study to explore the social care practitioners' lived experience of practice and his/her perspective on the integrated knowledge received from their formal education in social care. This study is being conducted by researcher Charlotte Burke. The primary supervisor for this project is Dr Denise Lyons, and the co-supervisors are Dr Dean McDonnell and Dr Hazel O'Brien from the Department of Humanities at South East Technological University (SETU). This research project is part of a Doctorate in Philosophy in Social Care.

Why have you been approached to participate?

You have been identified as a possible participant in this study because you can provide insight into your experience of graduating from a social care programme in Ireland post-2019.

What are you being asked to do?

Participation will involve a one hour semi-structured interview at a time and date of your choice. It is proposed that this will involve a face to face interview at a convenient location.

Project objectives and research questions for the interview will include:

- An overview of your programme including the module content and how this was taught.
- The interview will also explore the areas of the course that had the biggest impact on your practice and/or the self.

Do you have to participate?

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. There will be no negative consequence should you decide not to participate. If you decide to participate, you are free not to answer any question you do not wish to answer. Furthermore, you have the right to withdraw from this study at any stage of the research process and you can do so by email or phone.

What are the benefits of participation?

Social care education has changed from the first childcare course in 1971 up to the 2023 CORU approved programme. It is essential that social care workers on the front line are involved in the ongoing development of education for the next generation. This study aims to capture your voice on what elements of your education had the most significant impact on your professional and personal development and should be included in the development of future programmes.

Ethical considerations for this study?

Your interview will be audio recorded for the purpose of transcription. Any personal data collected during this study will be treated confidentially, kept only for the purpose specified and securely stored in a password protected file. The audio files will be deleted once transcribed, and these transcriptions will be securely stored for ten years, in accordance with SETU's Data Protection Policy (2024). A copy of the transcription will be provided for review on request. These ethical considerations are compliant with GDPR legislation and approved by the SETU ethics committee. Every effort will be taken to ensure the anonymity of research participants, colleges and social care settings, through the use of pseudonyms. Any names or terms that may lead to an individual being identified will be excluded from the final report.

How will the information you provide be used?

The information you provide will be analysed and discussed within the PhD thesis and subsequent publications.

If you want to know more?

If you have any questions about the study, please contact.

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