

Participant Information Sheet

Study title: Capability wellbeing and COVID-19: general population surveys in the UK, Australia and the Netherlands (International Quality of Life Study 2020)

We would like to invite you to take part in our research study. Before you decide we would like you to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. Talk to others about the study if you wish.

What is the purpose of the study?

This study is mainly looking to understand how government policies that have been introduced to tackle the coronavirus, such as social distancing and lockdowns, have impacted on people's ability to do, and be, the things in life that matter to them.

Why have I been invited?

We are seeking a representative adult general population sample in your country.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you to decide to join the study. Completing the study provides implied consent that you are happy for the data you have provided to be shared with researchers. You are free to withdraw at any time during the survey, without giving a reason.

What will happen to me if I take part and what will I have to do?

You will be asked to complete survey questions about you now and during 2020. The survey should take between 10-20 minutes to complete.

Expenses and payments

Payment is provided through your agreement with the panel survey company.

What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part

As our questions concern your quality of life during 2020, some of the questions may be upsetting if you have had a particularly difficult year. There are no other risks associated with taking part in this study.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

The information we get from this study will help us understand your experiences in 2020 and will be available to inform future government policy on the impact that lockdowns and social distancing have had on your quality of life. This means that your experiences will contribute to this greater understanding.

Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential

All information about you will be handled in confidence. Only data provided by you in the survey will be accessible to researchers. No other personal information held about you by the panel survey company will be provided to the research team.

Upon completion of the planned publications from this study, research data collected in this study will be deposited in a recognised depository that will allow other researchers to check the accuracy of our findings and to undertake further research.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on with the study?

You can withdraw from the study at any time during the completion of the survey without giving a reason. Only data from participants who complete the survey will be made available to the research team. Partially completed surveys will be deleted. Once you have completed the survey, you will be unable to withdraw your data from the study.

What will happen to the results of the research study

Our intention is to publish the results in a timely manner following the data collection. When results are available, they will be accessible on the study website:

<https://wun.ac.uk/wun/research/view/capability-wellbeing-and-covid-19-Mitchell>

Who is organising and funding the research?

Funding for this survey has been provided by the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN), a leading global higher education and research network made up of 23 universities, spanning 13 countries on six continents (www.wun.ac.uk). Analysis of the survey is funded by Wellcome, a politically and financially independent foundation (www.wellcome.org), as part of a broader project on capability wellbeing (<https://wellcome.org/grant-funding/people-and-projects/grants-awarded/a-lifecourse-approach-measuring-capability-economic>).

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed by the University of Bristol Faculty of Health Sciences Research Ethics Committee

Further information and contact details

Further information on the study and study team is available on the project study webpage:

<https://wun.ac.uk/wun/research/view/capability-wellbeing-and-covid-19-Mitchell>

Any complaints?

If you would like to complain about this survey, please contact the University of Bristol research governance team (research-governance@bristol.ac.uk).

