

Young People and Parental Influence in decision-making regarding Higher Education

Information sheet for research participants

About the research

Hello Future offer impartial advice and opportunities to young people, their parents & carers and teachers & advisors across Cumbria, helping to explore their future and progression towards higher education.

Part of their work involves outreach work with young people in schools to achieve these objectives and the targets they want to achieve with this work are to:

- reduce the gap in higher education participation between the most and least represented groups.
- support Cumbrian young people to make well-informed decisions about their future education.
- support effective and impactful local collaboration between higher education providers working together with schools, colleges, employers and other partners from across Cumbria and Lancashire.
- contribute to a stronger evidence base around 'what works' in higher education outreach and strengthen evaluation practice in the sector.

Hello Future is keen to explore innovative and effective ways of working to deliver these outreach objectives. Hello Future are particularly interested in using approaches that build on the assets or strengths that young people, their families and communities already have and that recognise the choices and outcomes that are of value to them.

Hello Future have asked researchers at HASKE (Health and Society Knowledge Exchange), based at the University of Cumbria, to explore the role of parental influence in young people's decision-making. This follows a series of research projects examining different aspects of young people's decision-making around their future.

Some questions you may have about the research project:

Why have you asked me to take part and what will I be required to do?

Earlier in the year Hello Future collected parent's views via a survey. We are following up on some participants of the survey in order to present 'case studies' of parents who have not previously engaged with outreach activities.

You will be contacted by a researcher for a telephone call, Teams or Zoom call (depending on your preference), for an open and informal discussion about this. The discussion will last for 30 – 60 mins and will be arranged at a date and time to fit in with you.

What if I do not wish to take part or change my mind during the group discussion?

Your participation in the research is entirely voluntary. You are free to withdraw from it at any time without having to provide a reason for doing so.

What happens to the research data?

Your discussion will be digitally-recorded and then transcribed. Your responses will be anonymized during transcription and no identifiable information will be included in analysis or write up. The discussion will then be analysed alongside other interviews we conduct to identify key themes for further research.

Data collection, storage, processing and disposal will be handled in accordance with the Data Protection Act, 2018. All electronic data will be stored securely within the University of Cumbria internal mass storage system within folders locked to only HASKE and Finance and Planning team members working on this project. Any hard copies of data will be kept within locked filing cabinets in the HASKE offices at the University of Cumbria's Bowerham Road and Fusehill Street campuses.

How will the research be reported?

Emerging but completely anonymised themes will be reported to Lisa Jackson, Programme Manager and Dr Lucy Wright, Data & Evaluation Manager of Hello Future.

How can I find out more information?

Dr Laura Snell, HASKE Research Fellow will be conducting the interviews and is happy to discuss any element of the project with you. Alternatively, information is available from the research project lead, Dr Tom Grimwood (tom.grimwood@cumbria.ac.uk).

What if I want to complain about the research?

Initially you should contact the researcher directly. However, if you are not satisfied or wish to make a more formal complaint you should contact the project lead:

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Introduction

The University of Cumbria collects and uses personal information in accordance with applicable Data Protection and Privacy laws, including the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulation. Please read this Privacy Statement carefully and contact us if you have any queries.

This Privacy Notice explains how we handle the personal information collected in this study.

What personal information do we collect?

We will collect and process names, home area, information about your education and employment experience, and contact details. We will collect this information directly from you. The University does not collect personal data about individuals except where there is a genuine requirement or when such information is provided on a voluntary basis.

How will we use your information?

We will use your information for the purposes listed below. We have also provided details of the legal basis on which we will use your information:

Use of your information by us	Legal basis for doing so
To broadly explore the role of parental influence in young people’s decision-making regarding higher education	All activities undertaken from this study and interview are done so with your consent as the legal basis the activities.
To examine the specific needs and experiences of parents and carers when supporting their children	
To expand our understanding of the barriers and enablers to engaging hard-to-reach parents in outreach initiatives	

Storing your information

The personal data collected is stored in the University’s SharePoint system. Access is restricted to those with legitimate reasons, based on the uses of the data, as referenced above.

The information collected from this study be retained for 18 months after the end of the project.

Disclosure of your information

We do not disclose our information to third parties.

Your Rights

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