



Information Sheet-Touch in Treatment Settings Test

Welcome to The Touch in Treatment Settings Test!

Please read the following information before you decide to take part. If you have any questions, then please contact: Dr. Philip Bright (philbright@eso.ac.uk) and Prof. Michael Banissy (m.banissy@gold.ac.uk).

What is The Touch in Treatment Settings Test?

The Touch in Treatment Settings Test is designed to explore our attitudes towards the physical experience of touch in clinical settings. We wish to explore how people's attitudes and experiences of touch might vary across different groups. We want to know how touch might relate to health and to individual's characteristics such as personality. We know our likes and dislikes when it comes to touch vary widely, so we'd like to know how this impacts on our views on what kind of touch is appropriate in different situations such as while interacting with a practitioner.

To do all these we are using some measures developed specially for this survey and other standardised measures, which have been widely tested. The standardised measures will allow us to make comparisons with previous research, but might feel more old-fashioned in their language. You might find that some of the questions feel personal, but please be aware that you can skip any questions that you do not feel comfortable with.

You can fill in The Touch in Treatment Settings Test on a computer, smartphone or tablet. You may find that some parts of the survey are easier to complete if you turn your phone or tablet to a landscape orientation.

Do I have to take part?

The study is designed for adults aged 18 or over. It is entirely up to you whether you participate. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason. To do so, simply close your web browser and exit the survey. The answers you have already given will be saved, but you can contact us to request them to be erased. To do this, please contact Dr. Philip Bright (philbright@eso.ac.uk) stating your anonymous participant number, which will be given to you at the start of the survey. You can do this at any point until the data is no longer associated with a participant number in our records (typically 3 weeks from completion of the survey).

You do not need to complete the test all in one go. You can return at a later date by going to https://goldpsych.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bJVC6B6l2Bts2zi within a week. The progress bar at the top of the page shows your progress through the entire survey. In total the survey should take up to 35 minutes to complete.

What to do if you are unhappy with the handling of your data?

If you are unhappy about the handling of your data or your participation in the study, please contact Dr. Philip Bright (philbright@eso.ac.uk) and/or Prof Michael Banissy (m.banissy@gold.ac.uk). If this response is not satisfactory, you may also contact the Goldsmiths Data Protection Officer (dp@gold.ac.uk) concerning your rights to control your personal data, or the Chair of the Goldsmiths Research Ethics and Integrity Sub-Committee (reisc@gold.ac.uk) for any other aspect of the study.

Will anyone know what I do or say during the completion of the survey?

No, your responses are confidential and we do not collect any identifiable information such as your name, email or address.

Are there any risks involved in taking part?

The study has received full ethical approval by the Research Ethics and Integrity Sub- Committee at Goldsmiths, and was judged to have no perceived risks. However, in the unlikely event that you do experience any distress as a result of your participation then we would advise you to stop filling in the questionnaire. If you live in the UK and need to seek immediate support, sources include: Samaritans 116 123 (lines are open 24hrs) and SANeline 0300 304 7000 (lines are open from 4.30pm-10.30pm).