

Information Sheet: annual survey of professionals

Evaluation of The UK Trauma Council

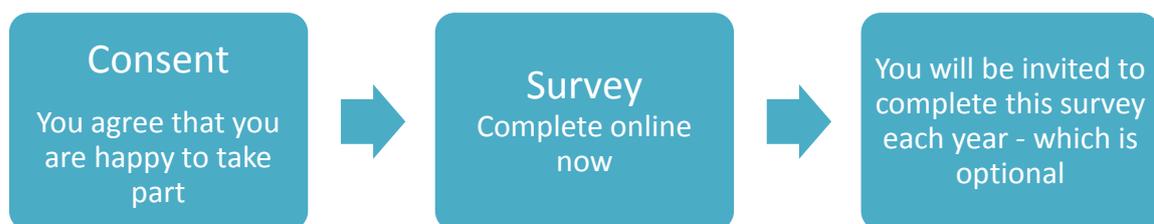
We want to know what impact the UK Trauma council can have on the support provided for children and young people who have experienced potentially traumatic events

This research project is being carried out by researchers at the University College London (UCL), on behalf of the UK Trauma Council, which is hosted by the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families. We want to look at whether the UK Trauma Council can improve understanding of the nature and impact of potentially traumatic events on children and young people amongst the adult network around the child and that as a result the support provided is more appropriate and responsive to these experiences. We want to know if professionals are better equipped to support children and young people following exposure to traumatic events. To find out about this, we are asking professionals about their experience of working with trauma, including single incident trauma and complex trauma, and their experience of the UKTC.

We would like to invite you to take part in this research project

If you are involved in providing support for children and young people who have experienced potentially traumatic events we would like to invite you to take part in this research project. It is up to you to decide if you would like to take part or not.

What does taking part in this research project involve?



Taking part in this research means agreeing to complete a survey online. The survey will ask you questions about your experience of, and knowledge, skills and confidence in, supporting children and young people who have experienced traumatic events. You will be invited by email to complete the survey each year. This is optional and you can choose to not complete these surveys by not clicking on the link sent to you.

You are free to stop taking part in this research project at any time, without saying why. Leaving the study will not disadvantage you in any way. If you do not wish to answer any questions for any reason you do not have to. If you do wish to leave the study, your survey data will be deleted. However, once we have written the reports of the findings (4 to 6 months after you have taken part) it will not be possible to withdraw your (unidentifiable) contributions from the reports, so it is best to tell us as soon as possible using the contact details below if you do change your mind.

An Ethics Committee has checked the research

All research is looked at by an independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect your interests. This research has been reviewed and agreed by the UCL Research Ethics Committee (Project ID Number: 17875/001).

What are the advantages of taking part?

- It may help us to understand more and improve support available for children and young people should they experience a traumatic event.
- Some people find taking part in research like this an interesting experience.

What are the disadvantages of taking part?

There are no known disadvantages to taking part.

Will information about me be kept confidential?

- Your survey responses will be kept strictly confidential. The only time that we might need to break this rule is if you tell us something that makes us think that you, or someone else, is in danger. In that case, we will have to tell someone who can stop that danger from happening.
- Your signed consent form will be kept strictly confidential, stored on a secure server and will only be accessed by researchers involved with this project.
- Survey data will be kept on a secure server and will only be accessed by researchers involved with this project for the duration of the project.
- When the survey responses are reported, any details that can identify you as an individual will be taken out.
- We may use the anonymised survey responses when we share our results with others (e.g. in reports, published papers, communications or on websites) but you will not be identified in any publication.

Data protection

All data will be collected and stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, or prevailing data protection legislation. Your personal data will be processed for the purposes outlined in this information sheet.

What happens if something goes wrong?

If you wish to complain, or have any concerns about any aspect of the way that you have been approached or treated by members of staff, please contact Dr Julian Edbrooke-Childs – the Principal Researcher on this project – julian.childs@ucl.ac.uk. If you then feel that your complaint has not been handled to your satisfaction, you can also contact the Chair of the UCL Research Ethics Committee at ethics@ucl.ac.uk. If you are concerned about how your personal data is being processed, please contact UCL in the first instance at data-protection@ucl.ac.uk. Or the Anna Freud Centre, at DPO@annafreud.org

What happens next?

Please discuss the information above with others or ask the researchers if you would like more information. You can keep this information sheet to look at whenever you need to. If you decide to take part, you will need to give consent (on a form we provide you) before you do the survey.

Researcher contact details

If you have any questions about this project, please contact: Julian Edbrooke-Childs at julian.childs@ucl.ac.uk or telephone 020 7794 2313