

 **Evaluation of ADAPT Assistive Technology (AT) Training**

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

A research study is being conducted at Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) by Prof Eleni Hatzidimitriadou, Sharon Manship, Dr Rachael Morris and Dr Maria Stein.

**Background**

ADAPT is an EU funded project (Interreg FCE Programme, ERDF) regarding Assistive Technology (AT). CCCU is one of 16 partner organisations across the UK and France collaborating on the project. As part of the overall project, CCCU have developed AT training materials designed for Health and Social Care (HSC) professionals who are in contact or working with AT or users of AT, to improve practitioner knowledge and understanding. Since these training units are newly developed, we are conducting an evaluation in order to obtain participants’ views and experiences of the training which will be used to enhance the material and content.

**What will you be required to do?**

Following completion of the ADAPT AT Training unit(s) undertaken, participants will be invited to provide feedback on key aspects, such as content, mode of delivery, etc.

**To participate in this research you must:**

Have undertaken unit(s) of the ADAPT AT Training.

**Procedures**

You will be invited to complete an online evaluation form at the end of the training unit, and another approximately six months after completion.

**Confidentiality and Data Protection**

On the basis of the public interest, all data and personal information relating to the evaluation will be stored securely within CCCU premises in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the University’s own data protection policies. No unrelated or unnecessary personal data will be collected or stored. Evaluation data can only be accessed by members of the CCCU ADAPT Project team listed above.

**How will we use information about you?**

We will need to use information from you for this research project. This information will include:

* Your profession
* Number of years in practice
* Name of the Trust you work for (if applicable)
* Level and programme of study (for students)

People will use this information to do the research or to check your records to make sure that the research is being done properly. We will keep all information about you safe and secure.  After completion of the study, data will be held for a period of 9 years from the start of the ADAPT Project (until July 2026), as per the funder stipulations. We will write our reports in a way that no-one can work out that you took part in the study.

**Dissemination of results**

Results of the evaluation will be incorporated into research reports to the funder, and additionally in journal articles and conference presentations/posters.

**What are your choices about how your information is used?**

You can stop being part of the study at any time, without giving reason, but we will keep information about you that we already have. Participants will not be identifiable and all data will be anonymous. If you wish to stop being part of the study, please contact adapt@canterbury.ac.uk. For students undertaking the evaluation, please note that withdrawal will not adversely impact on your continued studies.

**Any questions?**

You can find out more about how we use your information:

* at [www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/](http://www.hra.nhs.uk/information-about-patients/)
* by sending an email to adapt@canterbury.ac.uk
* by asking one of the research team (contact details below)

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