

Men on the Move: an investigation of a community-based physical activity programme for adult men

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Plain English summary of protocol

Background and study aims

Men in Ireland die younger and have higher death rates than women for most of the leading causes of death at all ages. Physical activity could help prevent many of the chronic conditions affecting men. Physical activity levels in men reduce with age, which is paralleled by an increasing levels of obesity. Supporting men to modify their health behaviors poses unique challenges to service providers. Men on the Move is a physical activity programme that is aimed at adult men to support them to become active, have fun and improve their fitness levels. It involves twice weekly structured physical activity sessions over 12 weeks that are led by a qualified instructor to a level and pace that suits you. Workshops on nutrition and well-being for men will also be delivered during the 12-week programme. The aim of this study is to determine whether the Men on the Move programme improves the physical fitness, weight and general health and lives of the men who attend.

Who can participate?

Men who are not meeting the national guideline levels of physical activity

What does the study involve?

Participants in the intervention group attend the the 12-week Men on the Move programme. Participants in the comparison group receive a free health check and an information booklet. As part of the evaluation we ask participants questions about their health and measure their height, weight, waist circumference, BMI and fitness at the start and the end of the programme and in February and August 2016.

What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

This study will enable us to find out how this type of programme may be helpful to men. By doing this, we hope to be able to deliver this programme to more men across the country. The primary risk for participants is the stress associated with the possibility of individuals being identifiable in the presentation of findings. Steps have been taken to off-set these risks and have been approved by the WIT research ethics committee. In respect to the physical activity element of the Men on the Move programme, all participants complete a physical activity

readiness questionnaire at the beginning the programme to determine the safety or possible risk of exercising based upon their responses to specific health history questions. These questionnaires are reviewed and where required participants are referred to their GP before starting the programme.

Where is the study run from?

Waterford Institute of Technology (Ireland)

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?

September 2015 to August 2016

Who is funding the study?

Health Service Executive (HSE), Cork Local Sports Partnership (LSP), Donegal LSP, Dublin LSP, Galway LSP, Kilkenny LSP, Limerick LSP, Mayo LSP, Waterford LSP, Irish Heart Foundation, Men's Development Network

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Protocol serial number

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Study information

Scientific Title

The effect of a 12-week gender-sensitized physical activity intervention for men on biopsychosocial health measures

Acronym

MoM

Study objectives

To determine whether the MoM programme impacted the physical fitness, weight status and general health and lives of the men who attend.

Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

Ethics approval(s)

Research Ethics Committee of Waterford Institute of Technology, 21/04/2015, ref: 15/Dept-HSES /13

Study design

Interventional multi-centre controlled trial

Primary study design

Interventional

Study type(s)

Prevention

Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Physical activity, mental well-being, obesity and physical fitness

Interventions

The intervention will comprise of structured group exercise [2*1 hour weekly], two facilitated workshops [diet and well-being], an information booklet with a PA log, a 5Km celebration event at 12 weeks, a pedometer for independent PA sessions and phone contact from local service providers. The core components of the structured group exercise [e.g. cardiovascular and

strength and conditioning training] will be standardised across all centres. However, in keeping with good practice, some flexibility will be catered for within groups; minor tailoring of the programme may occur so that these core components are achieved in a way that best suits the men's needs.

The comparison group will receive a free health check [time to complete 1 mile, BMI, waist circumference, BP and cholesterol] and an information booklet.

Intervention Type

Behavioural

Primary outcome(s)

1. Physical fitness, measured using a 1 mile test (mins and dec mins) at baseline, 12, 26 and 52 weeks
2. Weight, measured using a seca 813 digital weighing scales (kg) at baseline, 12, 26 and 52 weeks
3. BMI, calculated using a mathematical formula ($\text{weight}/\text{height}^2$ [kg/m^2]) at baseline, 12, 26 and 52 weeks
4. Waist circumference, measured using measuring tape (cm) at baseline, 12, 26 and 52 weeks
5. General health history and perception, measured using a questionnaire adapted from SLÁN 2007 [Barry et al., 2009] and Premier League Health [White et al., 2012] at baseline 12, 26 and 52 weeks
6. Dietary habits, measured using a Questionnaire; adapted from Premier League Football health initiatives evaluation [White et al., 2012] at baseline, 12, 26 and 52 weeks
7. Alcohol habits, measured using a questionnaire adapted from SLÁN [Barry et al., 2009] and Premier League Football health initiatives evaluation [White et al., 2012] at 12, 26 and 52 weeks
8. Smoking habits, measured using a questionnaire adapted from SLÁN [Barry et al., 2009] and Premier League Football [White et al., 2012] health initiatives evaluation at 12, 26 and 52 weeks
9. Mental well-being, measured using a questionnaire adapted from The Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale at baseline, 12, 26 and 52 weeks
10. Social integration, measured using a questionnaire (Berkman-Syme social network index) at baseline, 12, 26 and 52 weeks

Key secondary outcome(s)

1. Cost effectiveness analysis of the intervention effects - data collected by within trial analysis [cost calculation of resources inputted into the programme, objective measures of weight, BMI and waist circumference, and time to do 1 mile]
2. Broader impacts of the programme on the health and lives of the participants - data collected through focus groups and interviews with participants
3. An investigation of the sustainability of the model of community-based health promotion for men - data collected through focus groups and interviews with service providers

Completion date

31/08/2016

Eligibility

Key inclusion criteria

1. Currently inactive men [not meeting national PA guidelines]
2. Complete Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire
3. Not participated in a MoM programme before

Participant type(s)

All

Healthy volunteers allowed

No

Age group

Adult

Sex

Male

Key exclusion criteria

Non-proficiency in the English language

Date of first enrolment

01/09/2015

Date of final enrolment

17/09/2015

Locations**Countries of recruitment**

Ireland

Study participating centre**Falcarragh**

Co. Donegal

Ireland

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Study participating centre**Lifford**

Co. Donegal

Ireland

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Study participating centre**Rathmullen**

Co. Donegal

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Ballina

Co. Mayo

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Ballaghderren

Co. Mayo

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Crossmolina

Co. Mayo

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Waterford City

Regional Sports Centre,

Co. Waterford

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Dungarvan

Co. Waterford

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Lismore

Co. Waterford

Ireland

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Study participating centre
Oughterard
Co. Galway
Ireland
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Study participating centre
Doughiska
Co. Galway
Ireland
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Study participating centre
Ballinasloe
Co. Galway
Ireland
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Study participating centre
Rialto
Co. Dublin
Ireland
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Study participating centre
Coolook
Co. Dublin
Ireland
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Study participating centre
Terenure
Co. Dublin
Ireland
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Study participating centre
Ballyhea
Co. Cork

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Inniscara

Co. Cork

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Dunmanway

Co. Cork

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Desmond league

Co. Limmerick

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Auginish Diving Club

Co. Limerick

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Limmerick Swim Club

Co. Limmerick

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Richmond Rugby Club

Co. Limmerick

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Thomastown

Co. Kilkenny

Ireland

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Study participating centre

Castlecomer

Co. Kilkenny

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Study participating centre

O' Loughlin Gaels

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Sponsor information

Organisation

Centre for Health Behaviour Research (Ireland)

Funder(s)

Funder type

Government

Funder Name

Health Service Executive (HSE) [Health Promotion and Improvement Division]

Funder Name

Cork Local Sports Partnership (LSP), Donegal LSP, Dublin LSP, Galway LSP, Kilkenny LSP, Limerick LSP, Mayo LSP, Waterford LSP

Funder Name

Irish Heart Foundation

Alternative Name(s)

IHF

Funding Body Type

Private sector organisation

Funding Body Subtype

Trusts, charities, foundations (both public and private)

Location

Ireland

Funder Name

Men's Development Network

Results and Publications

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**IPD sharing plan summary**

Available on request

Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
Results article	results	01/12/2019	14/06/2019	Yes	No
Protocol article	protocol	17/03/2018		Yes	No
Other publications	process evaluation	20/09/2018		Yes	No
Other publications	pre-adoption characteristics	01/06/2019		Yes	No
Other publications	economic evaluation	01/02/2021	01/02/2021	Yes	No
Participant information sheet	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes