

Facilitators and Barriers to Walking for People with Parkinson's

Survey Participation Information Sheet

You are being invited to take part in a research study survey. Before you decide whether or not to take part it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Thank you for reading this.

What is the purpose of the study?

The survey aims to understand the realities of living with Parkinson's, with a specific interest in mobility, such as walking outdoors. By completing the survey, you offer your unique lived experience as a person with Parkinson's. Your answers will help us better understand not only your experience of living with Parkinson's, but also the wider community in the UK and Ireland. Additionally, the results of this study, taken from your answers and participation in this survey, will be used to inform the design of further research studies about walking with Parkinson's, and ways to make challenges with walking easier. Your participation in the survey will influence and inform how we follow this aim, to ensure our research is respectful, reflective and relevant of the realities of walking for people with Parkinson's.

Why have I been chosen?

You are a person with Parkinson's who can share your experiences, with a specific focus on your experiences with walking.

Do I have to take part?

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. You may withdraw from the study without giving a reason by exiting the survey.

What will happen to me if I take part?

You will be invited to answer the survey below. There is no time limit.

What are the possible risks or disadvantages of taking part?

There are no risks or disadvantages to taking part – participation is voluntary and you may withdraw at any time by exiting the survey

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

By taking part, you will help inform our understanding of the realities of walking for people with Parkinson's. Your contribution informs future study design; by sharing your lived experiences, you help us in making our research more relevant, reflective and respectful.

What if something goes wrong?

If you have any concerns about any aspects of the study, you can contact the Chief Investigator, Matthew Rodger. Should you remain unhappy and wish to make a formal complaint, you can contact the Research Governance Team at Queen's University Belfast (Telephone: 028 9097 2529; Email: researchgovernance@qub.ac.uk).

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

Yes, your participation is anonymous and confidential.

What will happen to the results of the research?

The results of this study will be included in writings as part of the PhD Thesis. The results of the study may also have the potential to be included in publication. No identifiable data will be included in any write-up of this research. Participants are welcome to follow-up with the research team if they are interested in being provided a summary of the study results.

Who is organizing and funding the research?

This research is being undertaken as part of a PhD qualification in Psychology, and is supported by our partners Parkinson's Ireland.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed by the Faculty of Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Ethics Committee.

Contact for Further Information:

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This research will be conducted in compliance with data protection legislation. For more information about how we look after your information, how to access your rights and who to contact if you have any queries or concerns about data protection please visit the Queen's University Belfast website -

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/privacynotice/Research/ListofResearchPrivacyNotices/PrivacyNoticeforResearchParticipants.html>