**Research Title:** **Minimal intervention dentistry (MID): knowledge and application within General Dental Practices across the United Kingdom**

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**Participant Information Sheet**

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to take part, it is important for you to understand why this research is being done and what it will involve. Please read the following information and if anything is not clear or you would like more information, then please contact Ikhlas El Karim (i.elkarim@qub.ac.uk) or Siobhan Cushley (scushley01@qub.ac.uk)

**What is the purpose of this study and what does it involve?**

The aim of this study is to understand the current knowledge of and application of minimal intervention dentistry (MID) techniques amongst Dental Practitioners working in General Dental Practice in managing dental caries and to explore their perception of facilitators and barriers to the use of MID in General Dental Practice. If you agree to take part, then you will be asked to complete a questionnaire which should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

**Who can take part?**

Any registered General Dental Practitioner currently practising within the UK.

**Do I have to take part?**

There is no obligation to take part in this study. If you do decide to take part, then you can withdraw from the study at any time by closing your browser window. However, if you do decide to withdraw, then any information that you have provided up until that point may still be included in our analyses. It will not be possible to withdraw from this study once you have submitted your questionnaire as we will have no way of identifying your data.

**What are the benefits for taking part?**

 By taking part and completing the questionnaire, you will provide valuable data that will assist health care policy makers and educators plan future MID services.

**What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

We don’t anticipate any known risks associated with taking part. However, if you feel any distress or difficulty answering the question, you can withdraw or contact us for any help or advice.

**Will my taking part in this project be kept confidential?**

All of the information that is collected for this research will be kept strictly confidential. Online data will be collected using SMART Survey. Data will be stored on Queen’s University computers and/ or the researchers’ personal laptops, all of which are password protected. All data is anonymised and there is no mechanism for identifying individual participants. Your consent form will have a unique identifier code to enable it to be linked to your completed questionnaire but there will be no mechanism to identify an individual from this. No names or personally identifiable information (either of yourself or any other individual) should be included in any response.

**What will happen to the results of the research project?**

The findings of this study may be shared with relevant stakeholders and the academic community (e.g. via conference presentations) and may also be published in appropriate scientific journals. The findings of the research will always be presented in such a way that the data from individuals cannot be identified.

**What is the legal basis for processing my personal data?**

According to data protection legislation, Data Protection Act 2018, we are required to inform you that the legal basis we are applying in order to process your personal data is that ‘processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest’ (Article 6(1)(e)). Further information can be found in the University’s Privacy Notice

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

**Who is organising and funding the research?**

This study is organised by Queen’s University Belfast operating as part of the Primary Care Dental Research Network. This network is a collaborative group with members from Queen’s University Belfast (QUB), the Health and Social Care Board NI (HSCBNI), the Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency (NIMDTA) and the Public Health Agency (PHA). Copyright of the data will be assigned to Queen’s University Belfast.

**Who is the Data Controller?**

Queen’s University Belfast will act as the Data Controller for this study. This means that the University is responsible for looking after the data and using it properly. Data will be stored for 5 years.

**Where can I obtain further information if I need it?**

If you have any questions regarding this study, then please contact Ikhlas El Karim i.elkarim@qub.ac.uk **or** Siobhan Cushley scushley01@qub.ac.uk

**Thank you for taking the time to consider being part of this study.**

**If you wish to participate, please access and complete the consent form and the questionnaire through the link.**