

Information Sheet for Parents/Carers

Research question: To explore how social media impacts on young people's health and wellbeing in Warwickshire.

Your child is being invited to take part in a research project by Warwickshire County Council, Public Health. Please take time to read the following information and contact us if you have any questions.

What are we doing?

Warwickshire's Director of Public Health (DPH) has a statutory requirement to write an annual report on the health and wellbeing of Warwickshire. This report is used to inform local people about the health of their community, as well as providing information for decision makers in local services about gaps and priorities that need to be addressed.

Each year the DPH selects a theme for the report. This year's theme will explore how social media impacts on young people's health and wellbeing in Warwickshire. There has been some national research on this already and we want to find out what the picture is locally.

To find out what is happening in Warwickshire we have designed a short survey for all 10-18 year olds living in Warwickshire. We have worked with some Warwickshire primary and secondary schools to help us design this survey.

What will my child have to do?

Complete a short online survey about their social media views and experiences.

The survey is anonymous and confidential all data will be stored to comply with the Data Protection Act 1998. No personal information is collected (e.g. names, addresses, date of birth etc).

Does my child have to do it?

Participation is entirely voluntary and participants do not have to complete the survey.

What will Warwickshire County Council do with the information?

All information collected will be anonymised, stored securely on Warwickshire County Council servers and remain confidential to the project team at all times. It will only be used to inform the Director of Public Health Annual Report.

The Director of Public Health Annual Report will be published in September 2018 and copies will be distributed to a range of key stakeholders (including all schools, GPs, elected members). It will be also be available to the public on the Warwickshire County Council website to read online or download.

Contact Details

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