Oxford Vaccine Group, Department of Paediatrics, University of Oxford.

NAVIGATE: Navigating Attitudes to Vaccination Implementation for Gonorrhoea in the UK: Acceptability, Trust and Engagement

Information sheet for Students Aged 13 to 14 years

Central University Research Ethics Committee Approval Reference: [MSD IDREC 947232]

We are inviting you to join in a research study. Our names are Prof Katrina Pollock and Charlie Firth and we work at the University of Oxford in the Department of Paediatrics.

Before you decide if you would like to join in, it's important to understand what the research is about, why we're doing it and what it would involve for you. Please read and think about this leaflet carefully. Please feel free to talk to your family, friends, or the researchers about it if you want.

If anything isn't clear or you have more questions you can ask your parent/guardian to give us a call and we can discuss it with you and your parent/guardian.

1. Why are we doing this research?

There is the possibility that in future teenagers may be offered a vaccine to protect them against a sexually transmitted infection (STI) called gonorrhoea, before they start having sex. Currently, the UK government is considering offering this vaccine to people who are at higher risk of getting an STI, for example people who have had an STI before.

The vaccine they are considering is the same vaccine that is already given to babies to protect against Meningitis B. Research has shown that it can offer some protection against gonorrhoea too. If giving the vaccine to people at a higher risk of STIs works well and the data shows the protection against gonorrhoea lasts for a long time, there is the potential to give the vaccine to teenagers as well, to protect them before they become sexually active.

Researchers plan to ask questions of adolescents, their parents, young adults, and people who are at a higher risk of getting an STI, to understand what they think about the potential of being vaccinated against gonorrhoea.

2. Why have I been invited to take part?

You have been invited to take part as you are 13 or 14 years old and based in the UK.

3. Do I have to take part?

No. Please note that participation is voluntary. If you do decide to take part, you may withdraw at any point for any reason before submitting your answers by pressing the 'Exit' button/ closing the browser. What will happen if I take part in the research?

Your parent will have given you this information sheet after they have read theirs and agreed for you to take part. If after reading through this participant information sheet you decide you want to take the survey, we will ask you to check a box online so that we know you have read the information sheets. You will then be able to access the survey – this should take you roughly 10-15 minutes to complete. You will be able to pause the survey, or exit the survey, should you wish you no longer want to take part. It is also possible to skip any questions you do not want to answer.

4. What are the possible disadvantages and risks in taking part?

In this survey, we will ask you questions about a potential vaccination programme against gonorrhoea, therefore, topics around sexually transmitted infections will be discussed. We understand that some people might find this topic embarrassing or difficult to talk about, but you can choose not to answer any of the questions.

5. Are there any benefits in taking part?

There will be no direct or personal benefit to you from taking part in this research, but we hope that this research will inform future vaccine programmes.

6. What information will be collected and what happens to the results of the research?

We will not collect any personally identifiable information during your survey. Your IP address will not be stored. We will take all reasonable measures to ensure that data remain confidential.

The responses you provide will be stored in a password-protected electronic file on University of Oxford secure servers. Identifiable information will be deleted as soon as it is no longer required for the research. Research data will be stored for 3 years after publication or public release of the work of the research. Results are kept strictly confidential, and only the people doing the research, or helping with the research, can look at the data. Only a number will be used to identify you, and all information and results are kept in a secure database. No one will know that you have taken part unless you tell them yourself.

The findings from the research may be written up in a thesis, and in publications that will be published online, as well as writing recommendations to the government to help inform the future policy.

At the end of the research, we will write to your school about what was discovered. You are welcome to read this if you are interested.

All research data and records will be stored for 3 years after publication or public release of the work of the research. Third parties may be given access to research data for monitoring and/or audit of the research, or for data storage purposes.

7. Data Protection

The University of Oxford is the data controller with respect to your personal data, and as such will determine how your personal data is used in the research.

The University will process your personal data for the purpose of the research outlined above. Research is a task that we perform in the public interest.

Further information about your rights with respect to your personal data is available from https://compliance.web.ox.ac.uk/individual-rights.

8. Will anyone else know I'm doing this?

We will keep your information private. This means we will only tell those who have a need or right to know, such as the research team and your parent/guardian.

9. What if I don’t want to take part in the research anymore?

Just tell your parent/guardian and the people carrying out the research that you don’t want to take part. You don't have to give a reason and no one will be upset with you. It is your choice.

10. Who is organising and funding the research?

Prof Katrina Pollock and Charlie Firth, both at the University of Oxford are organising this research. It is funded by the National Institute for Health and care Research (NIHR).

11. Who has reviewed the research?

This research has received ethics approval from a subcommittee of the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee. (Ethics reference: MSD IDREC 947232,).

12. What do I do now?

Please tell your parents, guardians and/or teacher whether you are happy to take part.

13. What if there is a problem or something goes wrong?

Please tell us if you are worried about any part of this research, by contacting the researchers.

You may also talk to your parent/guardian who will let the researcher know. If you are still unhappy or wish to make a complaint, either you or your parent/guardian can contact the University of Oxford Research Governance, Ethics & Assurance (RGEA) team at rgea.complaints@admin.ox.ac.uk or on 01865 616480.

14. Further Information and Contact Details

If you would like to discuss the research with someone beforehand (or if you have questions afterwards), please contact:

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Thank you for reading – please ask me any questions.