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A survey of social network service users to identify the occurrence and nature of heterophily

Submission ID:**9496**

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Full Project Title

A survey of social network service users to identify the occurrence and nature of heterophily

In what capacity are you submitting this research project?

Student (postgraduate taught)

Who is the research sponsor?

The University of Southampton

Who is the research funder?

The University of Southampton

Will you be travelling outside the UK to conduct this study?

NB do not tick YES if you are NOT physically travelling abroad e.g. using online data collection tools only.

No

What date do you expect the data collection for this study to start?

20th March 2014

What date do you expect the data collection for this study to end?

30th April 2014

Will your study involve humans?

Yes

Please estimate the numbers of participants participating in the study

	Healthy volunteers	Patients
Adults (over 18 - under 70 years)	90	0
Older Adults (Over 70 years old)	10	0
Minors (Under 18 years old)	0	0

Does this research involve ingesting food, drink or other products (including gases, vitamins or nutritional supplements) which exceed normal recommended consumption levels or are outside any market authorisation?

No

Will the Study be only conducted with one or more of the following approaches?

- Anoymised questionnaires provided these do not touch on sensitive topics
- Market or opinion research
- Customer satisfaction surveys
- Research using previously collected anonymised data which cannot be traced back to the individuals who provided them by any of the study team
- Performance of verbal/paper & pencil/computer based tasks provided none of the 'Type of research activity/procedure that has a serious factor' or 'Type of participant where special care is required' criteria apply
- Service evaluation /audit/needs assessments commissioned by an external service provider providing that participants do not include 'Type of participant where special care is required'

Yes

Is this study NRES reviewed already?

No

Will you be submitting to NRES? You will need to if your study involves any of the circumstances defined below:

- Patients and users of the NHS. This includes all potential research participants recruited by virtue of the patient or user's past or present treatment by, or use of, the NHS. It includes NHS patients treated under contracts with private sector institutions.
- Individuals identified as potential research participants because of their status as relatives or carers of patients and users of the NHS, as defined above.
- Access to data, organs or other bodily material of past and present NHS patients.
- Foetal material and IVF involving NHS patients.
- Involve treating, preventing or diagnosing disease, assisting or altering the process of conception or investigating methods of contraception
- The recently dead in NHS premises.
- The use of, or potential access to, NHS premises or facilities.
- Vulnerable Adults - Adults (over 16) who lack the capacity to consent for themselves because of an "impairing condition"
- Social Care - studies that have been funded by the Department of Health or are "national" Social Care studies that may be unsuitable for review by one institution's ethical review committee
- if the study will take place in a prison or a young offender institution in England and Wales and is health related, it requires ethical review through NRES under an agreement between the Department of Health and the National Offender Management Service

No

Does this research involve any of the following individuals?

- under 18 years old
- pregnant or breastfeeding
- detained in lawful custody (in a prison, remand centre, young offender institution, secure training centre or attendance centre, or under the powers of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)
- is under the supervision of the probation services
- homeless or living in sheltered accommodation
- otherwise vulnerable adults

Individuals who do NOT:

- have the capacity to give consent in accordance with the Mental Capacity Act 2005
- have the capacity, or appear not to, to give free and informed consent for any reason (including under the influence of drugs or alcohol, being coerced, confused etc)

No

Does this study involve any of the following?

- Induces anxiety, stress or other harmful psychological states on a momentary basis
- Induces physical discomfort and/or pain beyond which that they may routinely encounter in their everyday life
- Exposes the participants to visual, auditory or other stimuli beyond that which would normally be experienced in everyday life
- Ingesting food or drink or other products (including vitamin supplements, nutritional studies, inhalation of gases etc)
- Elicits information from participants than could render them liable to criminal proceedings (e.g. drug abuse or child abuse)
- Alters the participants normal patterns of sleeping, eating or drinking
- Collects sensitive personal data
- Involves coercion, deception, inducement or covert surveillance
- Involves questions about sensitive topics (e.g. sexual behaviour, political views, gender, ethnic status etc.)

No

Submission Questions : Health and Safety

Biological Materials

Does your study involve biological material as defined below?

no

Radiation and Chemical Hazards

Does the research involve working with any of the following (please indicate):

- Sources of ionising radiation, either material or machine generated :
  no
- Class 3B or 4 lasers?
  no
- Large amounts (greater than 5 litres or Kg) of single Hazardous chemical?
  no