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Does the Basic life support training which student nurses receive increase their confidence in their ability to perform BLS?

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Healthy Volunteer's Information Sheet

Invitation paragraph

You have been invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide whether to take part it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with friends and relatives if you wish to. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Please take time to decide whether you wish to take part or not. If you decide to take part you may keep this leaflet. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Background

As nurses and nursing students are often the first to discover patients who have suffered a cardiac arrest, it is vital that they are adequately and appropriately trained to perform Basic Life Support (BLS). Not only that, but it is also important that students feel confident in their ability to perform BLS should they need to.

Although a great deal of the literature surrounding basic life support focuses on the person's ability to perform the skills and knowledge of BLS little is reported in the literature surrounding the a person's confidence levels regarding BLS and what factors may influence these levels. The aim of this study is to investigate student nurses perceptions of the BLS training they receive and how confident this training makes them feel in clinical practice.

What does the study involve?

The study will involve the completion of a one off short questionnaire relating to your thoughts on the basic life support training you have received.

Why have you been chosen?

You have been chosen to take part in this study because your views are important. It is hoped that your thoughts will help to shape and influence the way in which you, and future student nurses, will be trained in years to come.

The questionnaire will also be handed out to other student nurses in their second, third and fourth* year on all branches.

(* applicable only to the Masters programme)

Do you have to take part?

Taking part in the research is entirely voluntary. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form and complete the questionnaire.

What if something goes wrong? / Who can I complain to?

In case you have a complaint on your treatment by a member of staff or anything to do with the study, you can initially approach the lead investigator.

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If this achieves no satisfactory outcome, you should then contact the Ethics Committee Secretary, Mrs Louise Sabir, Division of Therapeutics and Molecular Medicine, D Floor, South Block, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, NG7 2UH. Telephone 0115 8231063. E-mail louise.sabir@nottingham.ac.uk."

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

The questionnaire is anonymous. Any information which is collected will be kept on a password protected database and is strictly confidential. No personal information which can identify you will be collected.

What will happen to the results of the research study?

This study hopes to provide further insight into the thoughts and opinions of student nurses about the basic life support training they receive. It is hoped that the results of this study will either confirm or challenge the findings of previous studies. BLS is a mandatory and lifesaving skill that all nurses should be able to perform competently and with confidence. If this study highlights that this is not the case then there would be serious implications for the education and training of student nurses in the future. The study will be published as part of the researcher's Masters Dissertation. This may potentially lead on to the publication of the results in an academic journal. At no point in the publication of this study will any participants or their views be personally identifiable.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed and approved by the University of Nottingham Medical School Ethics Committee.

Contact for Further Information

If you require any further information or have any questions or queries please feel free to contact myself by email:

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Thank you once again for taking the time to consider taking part in this study. Your participation will be appreciated.