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Invitation to participate in an evaluation of the EOLAS Online Programme

Dear EOLAS Attendees,

We would like to invite you to take part in a research study to learn more about your experience of attending the EOLAS online information and support programme. Your experience means you may have important insights about the online programme and how it might be improved.

This study is being conducted by Professor Agnes Higgins together with a research team from the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin.

The study will be carried out in two ways: an online anonymous survey and confidential audio-recorded interviews. Participation in the evaluation will be through a web link given to you by the EOLAS facilitators near the end of the programme. You will find the survey when you click on the link. Expression of interest in doing an interview will be through submission of an online opt-in form, which you will be directed to either a) after completing and submitting the survey, or b) after declining to consent to doing the survey. Please note that participation is voluntary.

Before you decide whether to participate, you need to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. A participant information leaflet is included in this pack. Please take the time to read the information carefully. If there is anything that is not clear, or you would like more information about the study, please feel free to contact Karin O'Sullivan at kosulli7@tcd.ie or Prof Agnes Higgins via email at ahiggins@tcd.ie, and they will answer any queries that you have.

Many thanks for taking the time to consider your participation in the research.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karin O'Sullivan".

Karin O'Sullivan (on behalf of the research team)
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