We would like to invite you to take part in our study:

What Mental Health Support is Needed in Schools in the Context of Covid-19?

We are inviting you to take part because you work in a mainstream secondary school to provide mental health support to students.

Our research team, led by Professor Mina Fazel from the University of Oxford, Department of Psychiatry, is investigating what mental health support is needed in schools in the context of Covid-19.

We have been asked by the local authority, commissioners and service managers to investigate what mental health support you believe might be needed in schools in the context of Covid-19 to help plan services. As school mental health workers, we would like to know what you have been doing and where you think changes might be needed to plan for the new normal once schools return.

What does the study involve?
- You will participate in an online anonymous questionnaire.
- This consists of questions about your experiences of providing mental health support during Covid-19. The questions are a mix of multiple choice and free text responses and should take about 5-10 minutes to complete.

Do I have to take part?
No. Participation is voluntary. You may withdraw at any point during the survey for any reason, before submitting your answers, by closing the browser.

What happens if I want to take part?
Please follow the hyperlink on our website/in the email sent to you about this study, this will take you to the online questionnaire.

Are there any potential risks in taking part?
It is very unlikely that you will suffer any harm or distress from taking part.

Are there any benefits in taking part?
There will be no direct benefit to you from taking part in this study, but we hope that the findings will provide schools and services with a better understanding of how to plan mental health services in schools in the context of Covid-19.

If you have any questions about the research, please get in touch:

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Who will have access to your data?
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Responsible members of the University of Oxford may be given access to data for monitoring and/or audit of the study to ensure we are complying with guidelines, or as otherwise required by law.

What if there is a problem?
If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact Mina Fazel ([mina.fazel@psych.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mina.fazel@psych.ox.ac.uk)) who will do her best to answer your query. We will acknowledge your concern within 10 working days and give you an indication of how it will be dealt with. If you remain unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint, please contact the Chair of the Medical Sciences Interdivisional Research Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford who will seek to resolve the matter as soon as possible:

Email: ethics@medsci.ox.ac.uk; Address: Research Services, University of Oxford, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD

Who is organising and funding the research?
This research is being organised by the University of Oxford, Department of Psychiatry (Professor Mina Fazel). It is being funded via an Applied Research Collaboration National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) grant.

Who has reviewed this study?
All research is looked at by independent group of people, called a Research Ethics Committee, to protect participant safety, rights, wellbeing and dignity. This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee.

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