

aMASE: advancing Migrant Access to health Services in Europe



Study Information Sheet



With your help, we can improve HIV services for people new to Europe

We're asking you to take part in a study to find out more about the barriers to healthcare for migrants living in Europe. Before taking part it is important to understand why this work is being done. Please take the time to read the following information. Please [ask us if anything](#) is unclear or if you have any concerns. Take time to decide if you want to take part or not.

About aMASE...

People from all over the world use health services in Europe. Those born abroad often seek help at HIV services when they are very ill and this can be very bad for their health. To find out what stops some people from coming to sexual health and HIV services earlier we are carrying out this survey. With this information we will be able to improve services for all people using health services in Europe.

Frequently asked questions

Who is doing this research?

This research is funded by the European Union. It is conducted by researchers from University College London and the Institute of Health Carlos III in Spain. Drs Fiona Burns and Julia del Amo are responsible for the project and all the data. Ethical approval for the study has been obtained from the London Bentham Research Ethics Committee.

Why have I been asked?

We need people who are living outside their country of birth to tell us their experiences of health services so we can know what's good, what's bad and what can be improved. If you're over 18 then your opinions can make a difference.

Do I have to take part?

It is up to you whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part you can print out this information sheet to keep. You will be asked to tick a box at the beginning of the questionnaire to say that you agree to taking part. To change your mind at any time, simply close the questionnaire.

What would I have to do?

Taking part involves filling in a questionnaire about using health services. You will also be asked personal questions (for example, sexual behaviour, and injection drug use). The questionnaire should take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Some of the questions are very personal. Any question that you really do not wish to answer, or feel you cannot answer, can be missed out.

Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?

Yes. All information will be kept strictly confidential. We don't ask any identifying data in the questionnaire so you won't be recognised from your answers. All answers that you give are anonymous and will be kept securely.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results will be shared with migrant communities across Europe, the NHS and organisations committed to the health and wellbeing of your community. They will also be written up for publication in academic journals. If you are interested, copies of the results will be available from the research team.

What if there is a problem?

If you have any concerns or questions you should initially contact Ms Ibidun Fakoya who will do her best to answer your questions. Her contact details are provided at the end of this information sheet.

If you are unhappy about something and wish to complain formally, you can do this through the Research Governance Sponsor of this study, University

College London by contacting: 020 7380 9937, quoting reference 11/0237. All communication will be treated in strict confidence.

Further information

For free information, advice, support or to just speak someone about issues raised by this study please feel free to [email the research team](#) or contact one of the organisations listed here: <http://www.amase.eu/wp/organisations/>

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider taking part in this study

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