

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Challenges to the initiation of a national sport integrity body

You are being invited to take part in some research. Before you decide whether or not to participate, it is important for you to understand why the research is being conducted and what it will involve. Please read the following information carefully.

What is the purpose of the research?

We are conducting research on...

The UK Government, Department of Culture, Media and Sport has commissioned Prof Mike McNamee to undertake some exploratory research concerning the development of structure and functions of national Sport Integrity bodies. It seeks to identify the most pressing sport integrity challenges facing the sector and the opportunities to ensure the UK remains at the forefront of global efforts around fairness and inclusion.

We are also aware that a number of countries around the world have created dedicated integrity bodies, to deal with issues around sport integrity. The present work is needed to draw together information about the different types of integrity organisations being created, how these were established and a sense of how these are working in practice.

We are therefore approaching the CEOs of the national sport integrity bodies of Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, New Zealand, and Switzerland.

We seek better to understand how each of the selected countries defines the scope of its integrity organisation's remit, and outlines what the pros and cons are/have been of the approach taken. Any assessment of the positive or negative impacts and challenges to your country's structured responses to the issues of sport integrity matters would be very greatly appreciated.

Your participation in this study will take approximately. 45-60 minutes

Who is carrying out the research?

The data are being collected by Prof Mike McNamee, of the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences, Swansea University.

The research has been approved by the Faculty of Science and Engineering Research Ethics Committee.

What happens if I agree to take part?

The forms of data collection would be a very short questionnaire that would form the basis of a one-off 45-60 minute interview over Teams. The interview would be recorded and transcribed. Your consent is sought on another form that has been sent to you. No personal data will be taken. We are interested in the challenges faced in the establishment of your national integrity body, the barriers overcome and the possible positive and negative impact of its operations. The final report in line with the [Government Social Research Publication Protocol](#), will be made public and be available on Gov.uk.

Are there any risks associated with taking part?

The research has been approved by the Faculty of Science and Engineering Research Ethics Committee. There are no significant risks associated with participation.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

Your data will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). All information collected about you will be kept strictly confidential. Your data will only be viewed by the researcher/research team.

All electronic data will be stored on a password-protected computer file with cloud back up. No paper records will be stored. Your consent information will be kept separately from your responses to minimise risk in the event of a data breach.

Please note that the data we will collect for our study will be made anonymous, thus, it will not be possible to identify and remove your data at a later date, should you decide to withdraw from the study. Therefore, if at the end of this research you decide to have your data withdrawn, please let us know before you leave.

Anonymisation processes will be undertaken for the data files that will be used for analysis via QSR. Prof McNamee will take responsibility for data destruction and all collected identifiable data will be destroyed on or before Jan 1 2034.

What will happen to the information I provide?

An analysis of the information will form part of our report at the end of the study and may be presented to interested parties and published in scientific journals and related media. *Note that all information presented in any reports or publications will be anonymous and unidentifiable.*

Is participation voluntary and what if I wish to later withdraw?

Your participation is entirely voluntary – you do not have to participate if you do not want to. If you decide to participate, but later wish to withdraw from the study, then you are free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason and without penalty.

Data Protection Privacy Notice

The data controller for this project will be Swansea University. The University Data Protection Officer provides oversight of university activities involving the processing of personal data and can be contacted at the Vice Chancellors Office.

The legal basis that we will rely on to process your personal data will be processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. This public interest justification is approved by the Faculty of Science and Engineering Research Ethics Committee, Swansea University.

The legal basis that we will rely on to process special categories of data will be processing is necessary for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes.

How long will your information be held?

Data will be preserved and accessible **for a minimum of 10 years after completion of the research**. Records from studies with major health, clinical, social, environmental or heritage importance, novel intervention, or studies which are on-going or controversial should be retained for at least 20 years after completion of the study. It may be appropriate to keep such study data permanently within the university, a national collection, or as required by the funder's data policy.

What are your rights?

You have a right to access your personal information, to object to the processing of your personal information, to rectify, to erase, to restrict and to port your personal information. Please visit the University Data Protection webpages for further information in relation to your rights.

Any requests or objections should be made in writing to the University Data Protection Officer:-

University Compliance Officer (FOI/DP)
Vice-Chancellor's Office
Swansea University
Singleton Park
Swansea
SA2 8PP
Email: dataprotection@swansea.ac.uk

How to make a complaint

If you are unhappy with the way in which your personal data has been processed, you may in the first instance contact the University Data Protection Officer using the contact details above.

If you remain dissatisfied, then you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF
www.ico.org.uk

What if I have other questions?

If you have further questions about this study, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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