

CONSENT FORM FOR ADULTS IN RESEARCH STUDIES

Please complete this form after you have read the Information Sheet and/or listened to an explanation about the research.

Title of Study:

Benchmarking fungal levels in the building stock of the UK

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This study has been approved by the UCL Research Ethics Committee:

Project ID number: 20767/001

Thank you for considering taking part in this research. The person organising the research must explain the project to you before you agree to take part. If you have any questions arising from the Information Sheet or explanation already given to you, please ask the researcher before you decide whether to join in. You will be given a copy of this Consent Form to keep and refer to at any time.

I confirm that I understand that by ticking/initialling each box below I am consenting to this element of the study. I understand that it will be assumed that unticked/uninitialled boxes means that I DO NOT consent to that part of the study. I understand that by not giving consent for any one element that I may be deemed ineligible for the study.

| | | Tick Box |
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| | <p>*I confirm that I have read and understood the Information Sheet for the above study. I have had an opportunity to consider the information and what will be expected of me. I have also had the opportunity to ask questions which have been answered to my satisfaction</p> <p>and would like to take part in (please tick one or more of the following)</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 1. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Air sampling - Surface sampling - Long term temperature and humidity monitoring - Questionnaire - Inspection (air sampling and questionnaire) of property seasonally (up to 4 times in total within the course of a year) | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | I consent to participate in the study. I understand that my personal information including my name and contact details will be used only for the purposes explained to me. I understand that according to data protection legislation, 'public task' will be the lawful basis for processing. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | <p>Use of information for this research</p> <p>I understand that my data gathered in this study will be stored securely and anonymously.</p> <p>I understand that all personal information will remain confidential and that all efforts will be made to ensure I cannot be identified in any publication.</p> <p>I understand that it is sometimes possible to identify an individual from the circumstances of incidents they describe. I will seek to ensure that any circumstances described by me that may potentially lead to identification are brought to the attention of the researcher to help ensure anonymity is maintained.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | I understand the potential risks of participating. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | I understand the indirect benefits of participating. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | I understand that the data will not be made available to any commercial organisations but is solely the responsibility of the researcher(s) undertaking this study. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. | I understand that I will not benefit financially from this study or from any possible outcome it may result in in the future. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. | <p>Use of information beyond this research</p> <p>I agree/do not agree that my anonymized research data may be used by others for future research. I understand that no one will be able to identify me should this data be shared but that other authenticated researchers will then have access to my anonymized data.</p> <p>I would be happy for the data I provide to be archived at University College London</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. | <p>I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason, I understand that if I decide to withdraw, any personal data I have provided up to that point will be deleted unless I agree otherwise.</p> <p>I understand that when my data has become aggregated with other data in the study it would not be possible to disaggregate it. I understand, therefore, that should I wish to do so I will only be able to withdraw my consent to my data being used up to that time.</p> | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. | I understand that the information I have submitted will be published in conference papers, journal articles and a thesis and I wish/do not wish to be informed of publication. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. | I voluntarily agree to take part in this study. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. | I am aware of who I should contact if I wish to lodge a complaint. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name of participant

Date

Signature

Researcher

Date

Signature