Supplementary Material

Appendix A

Library usage by DDUH students and staff

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Appendix A

<u>**Survey**</u>

You are being invited to take part in a research study about **library service usage by Dublin Dental University Hospital (DDUH) staff/postgraduates and students**. Before that please take your time to read the points below.

Introduction: The aim of this study is to assess library usage at the DDUH by students, staff, and postgraduates that are 18 years and older. The objective is to gather insights through an online survey that explores the demographic profile (staff/postgraduates or students) of library users, the specific services they access, the frequency and timing of usage, the location from which they engage with these services, the reasons for using the library, and suggested improvements to library services. *Procedure*: Taking part in this research includes completing an online survey with a duration of 5-10 minutes regarding your library usage and how you use its services. It will also ask about any improvements you would like to be made to have better and more efficient access to the library. *Benefits*: Taking part in this study allows us to analyse the library usage of students & postgraduates/staff within the DDUH and receive feedback on suggested improvements. It gives us the ability to assess what services are most highly utilized and services that may need improvement. *Risks*: There are no risks or

disadvantages when taking part in this study. We have taken all measures to reduce any possible risks, and all data obtained in this study will be in compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). *Confidentiality*: This survey will be anonymous, and the only demographic information gathered in this study will be information regarding the individual's role (staff/postgraduate / student) and for students their year and course. Any information or data collected during this study will remain confidential and will be processed/stored in compliance with GDPR and Trinity College Dublin's policy on Good Research Practice. *Compensation*: There is no compensation for participating in this study. *Voluntary Participation*: Taking part in the research survey is entirely voluntary. *Permission*: This study has the approval of the School of Dental Science Research Ethics Committee. *Further Information*: If you have any questions or concerns about your participation, please contact the researcher that distributed this survey or our Dental Public Health Tutor - Maria van Harten (maria.vanharten@dental.tcd.ie)

- I wish to continue to the consent form (1)
- I do not wish to continue to the consent form (2)

Q33 To begin the anonymous survey, please indicate that you agree with each of the following statements below. *Please email Maria van Harten (maria.vanharten@dental.tcd.ie) to ask any questions you may have*

	Agree (1)	Disagree (2)
I confirm I have read and understand the information Leaflet for the above study. The information has been fully explained to me and I have been able to ask questions, all of which have been answered to my satisfaction. (1)	●	●
I understand that this study is entirely voluntary, and if I decide that I do not want to take part, I can stop taking part in this study at any time without giving a reason. (2)	●	●

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I understand that I will not be compensated

for for this study. (3)

I know how to contact the research team if I

need to. (4)

I agree to take part in this research study

having been fully informed of the risks,

benefits and alternatives which are set out

in full in information leaflet which I have

been provided with. (5)

End of Block: Block 4

Start of Block: Demographics

Q1 Are you over 18 years of age?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q2 Are you a Student or Staff Member?

- Undergraduate Student (1)

- Staff Member (2)

Skip To: End of Block If Are you a Student or Staff Member? =
Staff Member

Q3 Which course are you currently enrolled in?

- Dental Science (1)

- Dental Technology (2)

- Dental Hygiene (3)

- Dental Nursing (4)

Q4 Please select your current year of study

- Year 1 (1)

- Year 2 (2)

- Year 3 (3)

- Year 4 (4)

- Year 5 (5)

Q5 [1/18] I am satisfied with the library's opening hours.

- Agree (1)

- Neither agree nor disagree (3)

- Disagree (5)

Q17 [2/18] Would you prefer longer weekday hour access to the

DDUH library?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q16 [3/18] Would you prefer weekend access to the DDUH library ?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q18 [4/18] Would you prefer extended hours during exam times to the DDUH library?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q19 [5/18] Have you faced difficulty finding resources while using the library?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q20 [6/18] Do you find it difficult to find a place to study in the DDUH library?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q22 [7/18] Do you find it difficult to access online databases through the DDUH website?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q7 [8/18] What library service do you find most useful? Please rank the following from 1 (Most useful) to 6 (Least Useful); Leave blank if not applicable

_____ Study Spaces (1)

_____ General Computer Use and Printing Services (2)

_____ Computers for Clinical use (Salud) (3)

_____ Access to research databases (4)

_____ Lounge or Relaxation Areas (5)

_____ Librarian services (6)

Q9 [9/18] How often do you use the DDUH library?

- Less than once a week (1)

- 1-2 Times a week (2)

- 3-4 Times a week (3)

- 5 or more times a week (4)

Q24 [10/18] Do you believe there needs to be more quiet study areas in the DDUH library?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q25 [11/18] Do you believe there should be more group study areas in the DDUH library?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q26 [12/18] Do you believe more computer & printing areas should be available in the DDUH library?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q27 [13/18] Do you believe that more lounge & relaxation areas should be available in the DDUH library?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q12 [14/18] Where do you go most often to study at Trinity College Dublin?

- DDUH Library (1)
- Hamilton Library (2)
- Eavan Boland Library (Formally known as Berkeley Library) (3)
- Lecky Library (4)
- Kinsella Hall/Ussher Libary (5)
- John Stearne Medical Library (6)
- 1937 Postgraduate Reading Room (7)
- I do not go to the Library (8)

Skip To: End of Block If [14/18] Where do you go most often to study at Trinity College Dublin? = I do not go to the Library

Q16 [15/18] If the library of your choice is closed; Where would you most likely go instead?

- DDUH Library (1)
- Hamilton Library (2)
- Eavan Boland Library (Formally known as Berkeley Library) (3)
- Lecky Library (4)

- Kinsella Hall/Ussher Libary (5)

- John Stearne Medical Library (6)

- 1937 Postgraduate Reading Room (7)

Q13 [16/18] Do you prefer to use the library's online resources or visit in person?

- Online (1)

- In-Person (2)

Q14 [17/18] Do you consider the DDUH library an ideal place for studying?

- Yes (1)

- No (2)

Q15 [18/18] What suggestions do you have to improve library

services? Please specify below.

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