

Durham University Students' Qualitative Interview Guide

Behavioural Science and Insights Unit (BSIU)¹

1. Very briefly, tell me a little bit about yourself.

REQUIRED: Gender? Undergrad or postgrad? Which college? Did you take part in the university testing programme?

PROMPT: What are you studying and which year are you in? What is your living situation – are you at home or university right now?

2. Tell me about any experiences you have of being tested at University.

PROMPT: How did you find out about lateral flow (rapid) testing?

PROMPT: Was it easy it for you to get tested at University?

PROMPT: Was it pleasant/unpleasant?

****If NOT been tested, skip to question 4****

3. What motivated you to get tested at University?

PROMPT: Were you worried about contracting Covid-19 or passing it onto others?

PROMPT: Did you think it was likely/possible that you had Covid-19?

PROMPT: Were there any incentives to get tested (food, drink, prize)?

****If has been tested, skip to question 5****

4. If no experience, why not?

PROMPT: Did you know how you could get one/how to do it?

PROMPT: Did you want to get tested?

5. Tell me about any difficulties there were for you to get tested when you were at University.

PROMPT: Was it convenient? (location, booking slots/allocated slots etc)

PROMPT: Were you worried about the impact of a positive test? (financial, not wanting to isolate, impact on social life)

6. What did people around you think about testing?

PROMPT: What did your housemates think about testing? Did they get tested?

PROMPT: What did your family and friends think? Did they think you should get tested?

****If has NOT been tested, skip to questions 9 and 10****

7. What happened after you received the test result?

PROMPT: How did you feel? What did you do?

PROMPT: Did you trust the result?

PROMPT: Did you think differently about the possibility of infecting others?

8. How did the test result influence your behaviour, if at all?

PROMPT: i.e. social distancing, hand washing, socialising, meeting others etc.

****If has been tested, skip to question 11****

9. If you had been tested, how do you think you would have reacted?

PROMPT: Would you have trusted the result?

PROMPT: Would you have thought differently about the possibility of infecting others?

10. To what extent would the test result have influenced your behaviour, if at all?

PROMPT: I.e. social distancing, hand washing, socialising, meeting others etc.

11. How important do you think it is to get tested?

PROMPT: For you personally, and for the wider population.

PROMPT: What do you think the impact will be of getting tested? (Transmission, infection rates, mental health and wellbeing, financial implications etc.)

PROMPT: Do you think it is effective to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on yourself, and on others?

PROMPT: Have your views on this changed at any point, for example depending on whether you are at university or home?

12. How likely are you to get tested in future?

PROMPT: Is it something that you would want to do?

13. If you did want to get tested, what would make it easier to do so in the future?

PROMPT: (location, others getting tested, time, reminders?)

14. Is there anything else you would like to add?

PROMPT: Anything about testing that I haven't asked you about?