



Examining current transgressive behavior in the dance world

Dear Sir, Madam,

We would like to ask you to participate in the study on transgressive behavior in the dance world, which is being conducted by research and consulting firm Verinorm. Participation is voluntary and we need your consent.

Before you decide whether you want to participate, we will explain what the study entails in this letter. Please read the information carefully and ask the researchers, mentioned at the end of this letter, any questions you might have.

1. Purpose of this research

The purpose of the study is to understand the extent of transgressive behavior within the dance world today. By transgressive behavior, we mean someone influencing you by, for example, putting pressure on you, frightening you, or sexual behavior that you do not like.

Transgressive behavior has no place in dancing. It is important that everyone can dance in a safe environment. We would like to know if you feel safe within the dance world and if you have had any unpleasant experiences with anyone else in dance in the past year. You can think of a teacher, trainer, masseur or doctor, but also a fellow athlete. In addition to negative experiences, we also want to gain insight into *positive experiences* of dancers. In this way we can determine what actually contributes to a safe environment. With this research, the Ministry of Public Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS) wants to make the dance world safer and healthier. Your participation is therefore very important.

2. What participating means and what is expected of you

Participation in this survey consists of completing an online *anonymous* questionnaire. There are some general questions as well as questions about your experiences with dancing in the



past year. There are no right or wrong answers. What matters is how you experience or have experienced something. The questionnaire will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You may have already completed another questionnaire from Verinorm about transgressive behavior in dance. However, that questionnaire was about experiences throughout your entire dance career while the current questionnaire focuses on transgressive behavior during the past year.

3. Possible advantages and disadvantages of participating in this study

Participation in this study has no direct advantages or disadvantages for you personally. In the unlikely event that completing the questionnaire provokes negative feelings or emotions, we advise you discuss this with a counselor or perhaps your doctor. You can also contact the researchers, see the end of this letter for their contact information.

4. If you do not want to participate or stop the study

You decide whether to participate in the study. Participation is voluntary. If you do not want to participate, there will be no negative consequences. If you do decide to participate, you can always change your mind and stop participating, even during the study. You do not have to say why you are stopping. The data collected up to that point may be used for the study.

5. Use and storage of your data

Personal data will be collected, used and stored for this study. This includes some demographic data (gender, age). The collection, use and storage of your data is necessary to answer the questions asked in this study. When analyzing, the data is first separated from the personal variables. Only authorized researchers will have access to the data. The results from this research can be used for scientific purposes, such as publications and conference presentations. This will always be in the anonymized form and cannot be traced back to you.

Confidentiality of your data



To protect your privacy, your data will be coded. Your name and other data that can directly identify you will be omitted. Your data is encrypted in this way. The key to the code remains securely stored, within Verinorm. Only authorized researchers are granted access to the unencrypted information.

Data storage period

At Verinorm, your anonymized data will be kept for the legally prescribed period for human scientific research, being 10 years. You can withdraw your consent for the processing of your data at any time.

Learn more about your rights in data processing

For general information about your rights when processing your personal data, please consult the website of the Personal Data Authority.

<https://www.autoriteitpersoonsgegevens.nl/en>

6. Statement of agreement upon participation

At the start of the questionnaire, your consent to the collection and use of your data will be requested as explained in this letter. If you have understood the information and agree to participate in the study, you may sign the consent form. For participants under the age of 18 years old, we also ask for consent from the parent(s) or guardian(s).

7. Do you have any questions?

Should you have any questions about this study after reading this information or during/after your participation, please contact Marjan Olfers (m.olfers@verinorm.nl, +31628868893) or Anton van Wijk (a.vanwijk@verinorm.nl, +31623035340).

8. Participating in the study

Please use the link below to fill out the questionnaire:



English:

https://verinorm.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bI5LveRkcx1lwCW?Q_Language=EN-GB

Dutch:

https://verinorm.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bI5LveRkcx1lwCW?Q_Language=NL

You can complete this questionnaire up to two weeks after you open the link. Your answers to the questions can only be viewed by the Verinorm researchers and not by the dance school or other third parties.