



Participant Information Leaflet for Mature Drivers

Study Title:	Standardised Mature Driver Assessments to Improve Road Safety: An evaluation of implementation, delivery, and benefits across five English regions
Investigator(s):	Dr Carol Hawley, Warwick Medical School Ian Edwards, eDriving Solutions Limited

Introduction

You are invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide, you need to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. Please take the time to read the following information carefully. Talk to others about the study if you wish.

Please ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Who is organising and funding the study?

The UK charity the Road Safety Trust (RST) is funding this study. The RST is an independent grant-giving Trust. They have awarded a grant to the Parliamentary Advisory Committee for Transport Safety (PACTS) to host a research project studying a new standardised mature driver assessment. As part of this grant, Dr Carol Hawley of Warwick Medical School will be leading an evaluation of the implementation, delivery and benefits of the new assessments.

What is the study about?

This national evaluation aims to identify the effectiveness of the standardised mature driver assessment scheme operated by some councils or by their representatives, and to understand how this may be improved. These assessments are aimed at mature drivers who choose to have their driving assessed by a trained driving instructor to help support them to continue driving safely for longer. The evaluation will measure whether or not these assessments are being delivered consistently across the country.

You are reading this because you will have seen or heard about the study from your Local Authority. Thank you for your interest in taking part.

What would taking part involve?

Local authorities taking part in the scheme will invite drivers aged 65 and over to sign

up for a driving assessment aimed specifically at mature drivers. The assessment will be carried out by Approved Driving Instructors who have taken a course in delivering assessments to mature drivers. The driving assessment will be free of charge for those taking part in the evaluation study.

The evaluation study involves:

- completion of an online pre-assessment questionnaire and driving quiz before taking the driving assessment
- and then approximately 4 weeks after the driving assessment participants will be sent a link to complete a post-assessment questionnaire and driving quiz.
- the questionnaires will each take up to 15 minutes to complete, and the driving quiz will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete
- questionnaires will ask participants about driving habits, miles driven, driving history, what they think about the driving assessment and how it might be improved
- the answers you give will not be shared with the driving instructors, Local Authorities or other provider and will not affect your participation in the driving assessment

If participants decide not to complete the pre-assessment questionnaire and quiz then we will assume they have withdrawn from the study and the driving assessment will not take place.

At the conclusion of the post-assessment questionnaire participants will be asked if they would like to take part in an optional focus group. Focus groups allow us to gather more detailed feedback from participants. There will be one focus group per Local Authority region which will be held in a location local to participants at a venue selected by each Local Authority. To take part in a focus group the study investigators will ask for an email address so that we can contact you about taking part.

Focus groups will last for up to two hours and be video recorded. Recordings will be transcribed and depersonalised. Video recordings will be deleted after transcripts have been made. The anonymous transcripts will be stored securely for ten years in line with University guidance before being destroyed.

Do I have to take part?

No. Participation in this study is completely voluntary and choosing not to take part will not affect you in any way. You can also choose to withdraw your participation without giving a reason by contacting one of the study investigators listed above. Further details about withdrawing from the study are provided later on in this document.

What are the possible benefits of taking part in this study?

The main benefit of taking part in this study is to receive an independent assessment of your driving by a trained driving instructor. After the assessment you will receive detailed feedback on your driving from the instructor who will provide you with recommendations and advice to maintain and enhance road safety. You will also receive a certificate of completion issued jointly by PACTS and the Road Safety Trust.

What are the possible disadvantages or risks of taking part in this study?

There are no risks to you in taking part in this study. The driving assessment will be taken in your own vehicle. You can bring along a friend or family member if this makes you feel more comfortable. If the instructor finds that your driving requires improvement, he or she will provide you with recommendations such as how to access additional tuition or resources. You are under no obligation to accept this advice or recommendations. The results of your assessment will not be shared with anyone else without your consent.

Expenses and payments

If you choose to take part in an optional focus group to give us more detailed feedback on your experience of taking part in the standardised mature driver assessment your travelling expenses will be reimbursed and you will be provided with refreshments during the focus group. Focus groups will be held locally to minimise travel.

Will my taking part be kept confidential?

The study investigators will not have access to your personal data. The Local Authorities providing the driving assessments will not pass on any identifiable data to us. When you book a driving assessment, the Local Authorities will issue you with a study number for you to insert into the online questionnaires. The study investigators will only have the study number, so will not be able to link the study number to your name or any other personal information. The study number is used solely so that we can link your responses to the pre-assessment questionnaire and quiz to your responses to the post-questionnaire and quiz to see if the driving assessment has made any difference to your responses, i.e. is the assessment benefiting drivers.

The responses you give to the questionnaires and quizzes will be stored securely for the duration of the project and for three years afterwards. The data will only be accessed and analysed by the two study investigators.

At the end of the online post-assessment questionnaire you will be asked if you would like to take part in an optional focus group. At this point, if you agree then you will be asked to provide a contact email address so that we can invite you to the focus group. Your email address will only be used to make arrangements for the focus group and will not be retained unless you ask us to provide you with the results of the study.

Before you participate in the focus group we will ask you to sign a consent form giving your permission for us to record the discussion. Your opinions are valuable so we would like to use comments in our final report, but we will ensure that you will not be identifiable from your comments. The consent forms will be digitised and stored securely on University servers separately from the focus group transcripts to preserve participant anonymity.

What will happen to the data collected about me?

We will be using information from you in order to undertake this study on behalf of the grant holder, PACTS who will act as the data controller for this research study. We are committed to protecting the rights of individuals in line with data protection

legislation. We will keep your responses securely on University servers for three years after the study has finished.

No identifiable data will be collected from the questionnaires or focus groups. This means that once your responses have been submitted to the study investigators, it will not be possible to withdraw this data as your individual responses cannot be identified.

If you would like to take part in the optional focus group your email address will be collected for the purpose of inviting you and providing joining instructions. We will not use your email address for any other purpose and will delete it after the focus group has taken place unless you ask us to send you a copy of the study results.

What will happen if I don't want to carry on being part of the study?

Participation in the study is entirely voluntary and you may withdraw participation from the study without giving a reason, this would not affect you in any way. As the study involves online questionnaires and quizzes you may withdraw participation by closing your browser and not continuing. You will not be identifiable.

Please note that if you withdraw from the study it will not be possible to withdraw your data which have already been collected because they have been anonymised.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of the study will be presented in a report to the Road Safety Trust which will be placed on their website after the study is completed and will be freely available. A shorter version of the results will be submitted to a Road Safety journal for publication.

Who has reviewed the study?

This study has been reviewed and given favourable opinion by the University of Warwick's Biomedical & Scientific Research Ethics Committee (BSREC): BSREC 12/24-25.

Who should I contact if I want further information?

Dr Carol Hawley, email: c.a.hawley@warwick.ac.uk

Who should I contact if I wish to make a complaint?

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm you might have suffered will be addressed. Please address your complaint to the person below, who is a senior University of Warwick official entirely independent of this study:

Head of Research Governance

Research & Impact Services

University House

University of Warwick

Coventry

CV4 8UW

Email: researchgovernance@warwick.ac.uk

Tel: 02476 575733

If you wish to raise a complaint on how we have handled your personal data, you can contact our Data Protection Officer who will investigate the matter:

DPO@warwick.ac.uk.

If you are not satisfied with our response or believe we are processing your personal data in a way that is not lawful you can complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Thank you for taking the time to read this Participant Information Leaflet