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Practitioner-led chatbot design and evaluation

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Conversation Design



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Domain Expertise in Al







Delphi Studies

- Panel of Experts
- Multiple rounds of surveys
- Results of previous round included
- Anonymous

What

- Build Consensus
- Qualitative data
- Mitigate prestige/ power
- Analysis is refined, rejected or validated





The Expert Panel





| Current Role No. Recruited Career Adviser 14 | Expe | | |
|--|------|------------|-------|
| | Expe | | |
| | | erience in | CEIAG |
| Policy & Professional Practice 7 | | 15 | N |
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| Other 3 | | (average | |
| Total 29 | | | - |
| Experienced In: | RD 1 | RD 2 | RD 3 |
| Practice with young people in school | 70% | 59% | 60% |
| Practice with young people outwith school | 74% | 64% | 60% |
| Practice with other customer groups | 65% | 45% | 70% |
| Service design | 48% | 14% | 40% |
| Policy | 43% | 32% | 30% |
| Other | 22% | 27% | 15% |



Requirements: The Task



| Dimension | Requirement | Agree | Disagree |
|-----------|--|-------|----------|
| Z Task | The chatbot should support young people to navigate information in a way that encourages curiosity and exploration. | 19 | 1 |
| Task | The chatbot should function well as a tool for independent use. It should not require significant changes to existing services in order for potential benefits to be realised for young people. | 19 | 1 |
| Outcomes | The chatbot should ensure that the range of information presented is broad enough to encourage users to explore their options further. | 20 | 0 |
| Outcomes | It should be clear to users that the chatbot is not intended as a tool for career decision-making. | 18 | 2 |
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Requirements: Common Sense

| | Design Dimension | Requirement Statement | Agre e | Dis- agree |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|-----------|---------------|
| | information | The chatbot should focus on guiding users through existing SDS-managed information, but it may be appropriate to direct users to carefully selected external information sources where required. | 20 | 0 |
| | | The chatbot should ensure that all users are aware of how to access other sources of support from SDS (e.g. Helpline, appointment with Careers Adviser) | 20 | 0 |
| _ | Integration with other services | Users should be made aware of alternative sources of support, and how to access them before any potentially overwhelming responses are provided. | 19 | 1 |
| | with other | To ensure that the chatbot increases young people's access routes to career support, it should only be introduced as an additional complement to, not replacement for, any aspect of existing services. | 18 | 2 |
| _ | Vercona X | The chatbot should be tested with young people to determine the appropriate volume and complexity of information to be included in chatbot responses. | 20 | 0 |

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Some trickier ones

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| Design Dimension | Requirement Statement | | Dis- agree |
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| | Ensuring that users understand the scope and limitations of the chatbot is important for aligning with SDS's approach to career support. | 20 | 0 |
| Ethics | The Equality Impact Assessment for the chatbot should include individuals who face digital literacy and/or technology infrastructure barriers. Any negative impacts identified should be fully mitigated before the chatbot is introduced. | 16 | 4 |
| Personal data & privacy | Customisation of responses should be based on high level, non-sensitive information provided by users during the conversation only. (For example: whether user is school/unemployed/college etc; non-specific location). | 19 | 1 |
| | The chatbot should not be password protected, and therefore should not store or process personal or sensitive data. | 17 | 3 |



A Really Specific One

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| Design Dimension | Requirement Statement | Agree | Dis- agree |
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| Ethics | If it is unclear what level of support a user required, it would be preferable for the chatbot to encourage the user to contact the helpline or a careers adviser, before continuing the interaction, even though this may result in some unnecessary calls / appointments | 17 | 3 |
| Ethics | There may be occasions where it is clear that a user requires a level of support beyond the scope of the chatbot but continues the interaction even after being advised to contact the helpline or an adviser. In these circumstances it would be preferable for the chatbot to reiterate other sources of support available and end the conversation in order to avoid the risk of confusing the young person, even although this may mean their experience with the chatbot is perceived negatively. | 11 | 9 |



Summary

- Useful Conversational Agent = Understanding the Task
- Understanding the Task = Working with **Domain Experts**
- Domain Experts = SDS Staff

Delphi Study

- 3 rounds of surveys
- Round 1 Design Fictions
- Round 2 Experts in their own words
- Round 3 Requirement Statements
- **Requirement Statements = System Evaluation**

The chatbot should support young people to **navigate information** in a way that **encourages curiosity and exploration**.

Thank you!

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