

Consent Form

Study Title:

We are asking if you would like to take part in a research project [a sentence of brief details of what you are aiming to achieve with your research].

Before you consent to participating in the study we ask that you read the participant information sheet and mark each box below with your initials if you agree. If you have any questions or queries before signing the consent form please speak to the principal investigator, [researcher's name].

[Researcher: please amend statements below as appropriate to your study, and then delete this sentence, ensuring statements line up with boxes.]

1. I confirm that I have read the information sheet and fully understand what is expected of me within this study
2. I confirm that I have had the opportunity to ask any questions and to have them answered.
3. I understand that my interview will be audio (video) recorded and then made into an anonymised written transcript.
4. I understand that audio (video) recordings will be kept until the research project has been examined.
5. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving any reason, without my medical care or legal rights being affected.
6. I understand that once my data have been anonymised and incorporated into themes it might not be possible for it to be withdrawn, though every attempt will be made to extract my data, up to the point of publication. If I am involved in focus groups and then withdraw, I understand that it may not be possible to withdraw my data.
7. I understand that the information from my interview will be pooled with other participants' responses, anonymised and may be published; all reasonable steps will be taken to protect the anonymity of the participants involved in this project.
8. I consent to information and quotations from my interview being used in reports, conferences and training events.
9. I understand that the researcher will discuss data with their supervisor as needed.
10. I understand that any information I give will remain confidential and anonymous unless it is thought that there is a risk of harm to myself or others, in which case the principal investigator will/may need to share this information with their research supervisor.
11. I consent to Lancaster University keeping written transcriptions of the interview for 10 years after the study has finished.
12. If I am participating in focus groups, I understand that any information disclosed within the focus group remains confidential to the group, and I will not discuss the focus group with or in front of anyone who was not involved unless I have the relevant person's express permission.

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13. I consent to take part in the above study.

Name of Participant _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Researcher _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Please note – the details included in your consent form should reflect your particular research approach. For example, if you are using an **anonymous on-line survey**, some sections of this sample consent form are redundant, and you may wish to consider using a reduced version, such as below. Again, this should be amended to match what you are intending to do. If you are unsure, please discuss this further with your supervisor.

By proceeding to the survey you confirm that:

- You have read the participant information sheet and understand what is expected of you within this study
- You understand that any responses/information you give will remain anonymous
- Your participation is voluntary
- You consent for the information you provide to be discussed with my supervisor at Lancaster University
- You consent that the data will be pooled and published and that if quotes are provided they could be published
- You consent to Lancaster University keeping the anonymised data for a period of 10 years after the study has finished
- By clicking on this link, you consent to **taking part in the current study.**