

Example 2: Participant Information Sheet

Information Sheet for Key Workers

Hello, my name is _____ I am currently working on a PhD at _____.

This information sheet will share with you the outline of my research study and invite you to participate in the research study with me. From the start, I want to make it clear that the safety, security and best interests of any young people with whom I come into contact are my highest priority. I do not approach these interactions lightly. I am also separately volunteering with the young people on my own time.

Title of the study:

Young People: Constructing Belonging

About the study:

This study is looking into feelings of belonging and identity in the broader areas of place and learning. That is, how is a sense of belonging constructed by young people in the south of England? I have invited the young people to be involved in this study by working alongside me to answer this question, primarily through casual conversation over food and/or tea/coffee. I am also inviting key workers who work or have worked with the young people, such as yourself, to be involved through conversation over food and/or tea/coffee.

Your involvement:

I would love to speak with you about your perspectives on working with unaccompanied young people. 😊

And, should you also have any concerns, questions or comments regarding the study overall or the young people's involvement, please do get in touch with me.

Consent, withdrawal and confidentiality:

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary. If you agree to participate, I will ask you to sign a consent form.

You also have the right to withdraw from the study at any time, or to withdraw your data contribution up to the completion of official data collection in May 2018.

Confidentiality and anonymity are also top priorities. Anything you choose to share with me will remain confidential. I will use pseudonyms in writing up the final results and findings of the research study.

Purpose for and results of the study:

This research endeavors to create a space for young people to speak in a positive way about how they create a sense of belonging in a new place, and for key workers to speak on their perspectives

working with young people. The aim is to continue positive, forward looking research with this group of young people and to have an impact at the local, organisational level.

I acknowledge that this study will result in a PhD and potential publications for me. However, I do not aim for the results and findings of this study to end there. I will also create a final report for the organisation with the goal of collaboratively encouraging and promoting the creation or improvement of services which facilitate belonging not only at this particular organisation but similar organisations throughout the UK. I do not yet have a plan for disseminating this information beyond this organisation, but it is my hope that I might work collaboratively with this organisation to share the results of this study.

Time period:

Data collection will be completed by the end of May 2018.

Research funding and approval:

This research is funded by... and has been approved by... Research Ethics Committee.

Contact information:

Name

Contact information

Supervisor Name

Contact information

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments about this study or myself.