



# Participant Information Sheet

## Name of Department:

Social Work

## Title of the Study:

An exploration of staff views and experiences in relation to potential and actual allegations in residential childcare

## Introduction

My name is Stacey Cameron and I'm undertaking the Msc Advanced Residential Childcare at Strathclyde University. I am inviting you to take part in a research study: this information sheet will provide you with information to read to understand why the research is taking place. I would encourage you to read the following information carefully and take time to decide if you would like to take part. If you are unsure or require more information please contact me for further information.

## What is the purpose of this study?

To explore the views and experiences of residential workers and management in relation to potential or actual allegations in residential childcare.

## Do you have to take part?

You do not have to take part, however if you do you will be given an information sheet and consent form to read and sign. You are still able to withdraw from the research at any time.

## What will you do in the project?

You will be asked questions using a semi structured interview which will last between 45 minutes to 1 hour. I will be flexible in times to suit yourself; I can come to your work place if this is convenient or arrange an office space in another suitable location. The expectations from you are to answer the questions in the interview as best as you can.

## Why have you been invited to take part?

I am looking for 8 to 10 residential workers from day, night and management positions to take part to give me a range of views and perceptions about the area being researched.

## What are the potential risks to you in taking part?

There are no disadvantages or risks for taking part however it may be worthwhile to note that the area being researched is a sensitive area and it could possibly resurface memories if you have been involved in the allegation process.

## What happens to the information in the project?

All information obtained from you will be kept confidential, and only the researchers will have access to it. The consent form will be kept separately from the questionnaire so that you remain anonymous. Any information about you which is used will have your name and contact information removed so that you cannot be recognised from it. All electronic files will be deleted after report is finalised and any paper files will be shredded as per confidential waste procedures.

All information is confidential however if there is information disclosed of harm or abuse to any one, this information will have to be passed on to appropriate person or organisation.

The University of Strathclyde is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office who implements the Data Protection Act 1998. All personal data on participants will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

Thank you for reading this information – please ask any questions if you are unsure about what is written here.

### What happens next?

If you would like to take part in this study I would ask that you read the consent form and send me an email to note your interest. I will then contact you to arrange a suitable date and location for interview.

If you do not wish to take part then I would like to thank you for your attention.

Findings from this study will be written up as part of a postgraduate MSc Advanced Residential Child Care dissertation. However, you will not be identified in the report. If you would like to know the findings of the study then I will arrange to forward this information to you.

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