

Participant Information – Join our research!



Who are we?

My name is Sarah and I am a researcher at the University of Oxford. We would like you to join a focus group as part of our research, The Children's Information Project.



Why are you doing the research?

We want to learn from you about how your views, thoughts and feelings are recorded by social workers in things like notes, meeting minutes and plans. We'd also like to hear whether you feel you have a say in who information is shared with and how it is shared and used.



Why am I being asked to take part?

We would like to talk to any children, young people and parents or carers who have, or previously have had contact with children's social care.

Do I have to take part?

No - you don't have to if you don't want to! It's up to you. You can ask me questions before choosing whether you want to join in. If you choose to join in, you will be asked to give your 'consent' – this means that you have said it is ok to take part.



What happens if I take part?

You will be sent a link to join a group discussion at a time that suits you. We will have a chat for an hour and you can say if you want to take a break. You do not need to talk about your personal experiences unless you want to.

Can I change my mind?

You can change your mind at any time by telling Sarah. You don't have to say why you don't want to join in anymore. If you decide to stop, no one will mind and it will not affect any service you are receiving.



What happens to what the researchers find out?

I would like to voice record the group and use auto transcription. I will not record your face and you do not need to have your camera on. This will help me to make sure I get everything you say accurately. The recording of your voice will be deleted at the end of the project. All your data will be anonymous and will be saved on a secure, password protected

Who can I talk to about the project?

Any questions?
please contact
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**Thanks
for
reading
this!**



What are the benefits of taking part?

Joining this study will not help you directly. But we hope it will help government and people who work with children in local authorities to improve the way they collect and use information about children, young people and their families in the future. To say thank you for your time, we will give everyone who takes part a £25 gift voucher.

The research has University of Oxford ethics approval. If there is something you are unhappy about, please email: The Chair, Social Sciences & Humanities Interdivisional Research Ethics Committee at ethics@socsci.ox.ac.uk.

FIND OUT MORE AT: www.childrensinformationproject.org.uk/

What will happen at the end of the project?

At the end of the research, I will tell you what has happened with your views and the difference that you taking part has made.

We will use your views to help write a report. The findings may also be used for podcasts or blogs, at conferences, or in academic publications.