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Exploring Care Leaver's Transitions to Independence

Easy-Read Participant Information Sheet

Interviews – Care Leavers



Hello

I am Ala.

I am Áine.

We are researchers at the University of Oxford. Our job is to talk to people about leaving care as part of a research study.



What is this study about?

We would like to speak to you about your experiences of leaving foster care and what you do day to day.



Who can take part in the study?

People who are aged 18-25 and are leaving, or have left, the care of their Local Authority.



What will happen if I take part?



You and I will decide a time and place to talk.

I can come to your house or a place you feel comfortable. Or we can talk through Teams.



I will ask you about your experience of being in care.

The interview will be recorded with a video and voice recorder, if you

	<p>agree, so I can listen to your answers later. This will make sure my research is correct.</p> <p>You can take as many breaks as you need.</p>
	<p>If you agree, clips of our chat will be used on the Socialcaretalk website.</p> <p>You can choose how your story appears. Video, audio, or words. If you would like another way to take part, please ask us.</p> <p>We will show you the website. You can say if you don't want us to use information about you.</p>
	<p>Do I have to take part?</p> <p>No.</p> <p>It is up to you.</p>



Can I change my mind?

Yes. You are free to change your mind at any time. You don't have to tell me why. You only have to tell me and we can stop.

We will not keep your data or your contact details if you change your mind.



If you want to take part in this project, please fill out the reply slip and send it back in the envelope provided. Posting this is free - you don't need a stamp.






Can I get any help to take part?

You can ask someone you trust to help you.



What happens to my information?

Only my research team and I will know your name. Your information is kept safe.

	<p>The recording helps make sure my information is correct so I can type it up and get it right. When I type it up, it won't have your name on it.</p>
 	<p>I will send you a copy of the interview.</p> <p>I can send you a copy of the interview recording if you want.</p> <p>You can talk to me if you watch your film and there is something you are not happy with.</p>
	<p>Your name, address, email address, and information that describes your personal information will only be seen by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People in the research team like me. • People who check the research is being done properly.



Good things about taking part?

- Talking about your experiences can feel good
- You will help other people understand leaving care
- Talking about your experience can help you understand what happened.



Are there any bad things about taking part?

- You might feel sad or upset talking about some things.
- You may feel upset about your experience, but that's okay! We can stop at any time.



As a thank you for taking part, we will give you a £20 shopping voucher to spend!



I will write about the things you have said, without using your name.

What I write will be sent to a journal, so other researchers and local authorities can read it.

If you'd like a copy, please let me know and we can send you one.



Who is organising this study?

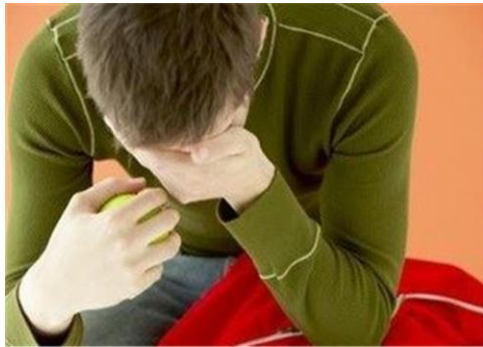
The study is organised by the University of Oxford.

The University of Oxford Central Research Ethics Committee have checked this study (Ethics Reference: R79689/RE001). They are



a group of people who make sure we have followed all the rules.

Oxfordshire Care Leaver Association and care experienced adults are advising the study.



What if there is a problem?

If there is a problem at any time, you can tell me or ask a trusted adult to let me know.

If I think you or someone else is not safe, I may need to tell someone, but I will talk to you about this first.

If you want to complain formally you can do this too. I will give you the details of who you can talk to.

	<p>If there is anything I can do to make you feel comfortable and at ease, I am happy to do so. These interviews can be adapted to meet your needs.</p>
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