

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

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Modern Slavery Core Outcome Set: Supplementary Qualitative Interviews

We would like to invite you to take part in a research project. We are doing the project to understand what recovery outcomes are important to people who have experienced modern slavery. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what taking part will involve. Please read the following information carefully. You can talk to other people about the research if you want to. If anything that is not clear or if you would like more information, please contact us on mscos@kcl.ac.uk. You can also find more information on our website www.mscos.co.uk.

What is the purpose of the project?

We want to know what things are most important for recovery after modern slavery. We want to know what people who have experienced modern slavery think are the most important. We also want to know what people who help survivors of modern slavery and people who do research on modern slavery think are the most important. We will make a list of the ten most important things. We hope that the list can be used to improve services that help people who have experienced modern slavery. We also hope it can be used by other researchers who want to know which services are most helpful for people who have experienced modern slavery.

Why have I been invited to take part?

Not very many people with your particular experiences of modern slavery have taken part in research before. We want to know what you, and other people who have not taken part in research before, think is important for recovering from modern slavery. We want to speak to ten people in total.

To take part you must be aged 18 or older. You should have either previously received or be currently receiving assistance and/or support from charities or other agencies after experiencing modern slavery.

What will happen if I take part?

You will be asked to do an interview with a female researcher who is also a survivor of modern slavery. You can see the questions before the interview starts, if you want. There are no right or wrong answers. At the beginning of the interview the interviewer will ask for your permission to record the conversation. The interview will last for about one hour.

You can choose whether to have the interview in-person or on the telephone. If you choose to have the interview in person, you have a choice of where it takes place. You can choose a private room in a university in London or in Nottingham, or at the charity that first spoke to you about this study.

If the interview is in person, you must also take a rapid lateral flow test for COVID-19 on the morning of the interview. Your interviewer will also do the same. If you do not have tests, we can supply them to you on the day and will wait for the results before starting the interview. If the results of the test are positive for either yourself or the interviewer, the interview will be rearranged.

During the interview, we will ask what you think recovery looks like and what recovery outcomes you think are most important. We won't ask you about what happened to you when you were exploited through modern slavery. Here are two examples of the interview questions: "Thinking about the support you received, or are receiving, what was the most important and why?", "Imagine the perfect services for modern slavery survivors existed. It has limitless money and resources. What would be the three most important changes people should expect if they went to these services?" These questions have been written with help with people who have experienced modern slavery.

Do I have to take part?

No. Taking part is up to you. You should only take part if you want to. Choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. It will not affect any services you receive. It will not affect National Referral Mechanism decisions or claims for asylum. Once you have read this information sheet, please contact us if you have any questions that will help you make a decision about taking part.

If you decide to take part in an in-person interview, we will ask you to sign a "consent form" to show you agreed to take part. You will be given a copy of this form to keep. You can change your mind about taking part, even after you have signed this form. If you decide to take part in a telephone interview, we will ask you to provide your verbal consent. We will take a recording of your verbal consent.

Incentives

As a thank you for your time, you will be given £20 in cash. Taking part should not cost you any money: we will pay for your travel, childcare, or data costs. We will talk to you about these costs when arranging the interview.

What are the possible risks of taking part?

The interview may bring up distressing memories or feelings. You can see all the questions before the interview, if you want to, and tell us any questions that you do not want to answer.

At the start of the interview, we will ask if there is anyone you'd like us to contact if you are upset. During the interview, you can choose not to answer any of the questions the interviewer asks, take a break at any point in the interview (the interviewer will also ask you if you'd like to do this), stop and rearrange the interview for another time and end the interview if you feel uncomfortable. Though you are already in contact with a charity supporting people who have experienced modern slavery, we can also provide you a list of other charities you also might find helpful.

What are the possible benefits of taking part?

There is no direct benefit of taking part, but you might find it helpful to talk about your experience of recovery. Taking part may also help improve services for people who have experienced modern slavery in the future.

Data handling and confidentiality

Your data will be processed under the terms of UK data protection law (including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018). Your information will be confidential. The recording of the interview will be stored in a password protected file on a King's College server. We will "transcribe" (make a written record) of the recording. Then we will delete the recording. When we transcribe your interview, we will

remove all identifiable information, including names and places. Transcripts will be held for three years and then destroyed.

Your consent form will be stored in a locked filing cabinet at King's College London (in the David Goldberg Building Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience, 18 De Crespigny Park, London, SE5 8AF). If you are conducting a phone interview, then we will take a recording of your verbal consent. This recording will be separate to the one we take for your interview. It will be kept in a password-protected folder on secure King's College London servers. Written and verbal consent will be destroyed after three years.

Everything you tell us during your interview is confidential. We will not tell your support worker, the Home Office or anyone else outside of the research team about what you have told us. The only exception to this is if you tell us something that suggests a risk of death or serious harm either to yourself or others. If this happens, we will need to tell your support worker and/or a doctor who is part of the research project.

Data Protection Statement

If you would like more information about how your data will be processed under the terms of UK data protection laws, please visit the link below. If you cannot access the below link, we will print a copy of the laws and send them to you:

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/research/support/research-ethics/kings-college-london-statement-on-use-of-personal-data-in-research>

What if I change my mind about taking part?

You are free to withdraw at any point of the project, without having to give a reason. Withdrawing from the project will not affect you in any way. You are able to withdraw your data from the project up until three months after your interview, after which withdrawal of your data will no longer be possible because your interview will have been analysed and combined with information from other participants. If you choose to withdraw from the project, we won't use the information you gave us, and we will delete the recording of your interview and your transcript.

How is the project being funded?

This project is being funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. You can find out more about them by visiting their website: <https://ahrc.ukri.org/>.

What will happen to the results of the project?

We will put the information from your interview together with interviews we have done with other people and research that other people have done before us. We will use this to create a list of the ten things that are most important for recovery from modern slavery. Our first list will probably be quite long. We will work with people who have experienced modern slavery, charity staff, researchers, policymakers, and other people to make a shorter list. We will publish the list and information about how to use it on the Internet. You will not be identifiable in any publication. If you would like us to send you a copy of what we find, please tell us on your consent form.

Who should I contact for further information?

If you have any questions or want more information about this project, please contact me by email bee.damara@kcl.ac.uk or phone +44 (0)20 7836 5454 and ask for Bee Damara. You

can also contact the principle investigator for this project, Sharli Paphitis, by emailing Sharli.Paphitis@kcl.ac.uk, phoning +44 (0)20 7836 5454 and asking for Sharli Paphitis, or sending a letter to the Dr Paphitis, David Goldberg Centre, 18 De Crespigny Park, London, SE5 8AF.

What if I have further questions, or if something goes wrong?

If this project has harmed you in any way or if you wish to make a complaint about the conduct of the project you can contact King's College London using the details below for further advice and information: The Chair, Health Faculties Research Ethics Sub-Committee, rec@kcl.ac.uk.

Thank you for reading this information sheet and for considering taking part in this research.