

Modern Slavery Research Participant Information Sheet

You are being invited to take part in a research study exploring how and why modern slavery offences happens. Please read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. We are happy to discuss any questions you may have about this research.

What is the research about?

The main aim of the research is to understand how and why people become involved in modern slavery. We want to learn about leads people to become involved in modern slavery offences, what the lives of those accused of these crimes are like, and what happened before they were convicted. Further details about the project can be found at <https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/perpetrators-of-modern-slavery/>

Why have I been chosen?

We are asking 30 men and women who have been convicted for modern slavery offences to take part in one-to-one interviews.

What would I be asked to do if I took part?

You would be asked to be interviewed on two separate occasions. The interviews will be conducted by either Rose Broad or David Gadd who both work at the University of Manchester. If you are unable to speak English, we can provide an independent interpreter who will tell the interviewer what you have said and help you to understand the interviewer's questions.

The interviewer will help you to talk about your experiences using a 'life history' approach. The interview is an opportunity for you to tell your story without being interrupted. The interviewer will help you identify which things you most want to talk about. The interviews may cover personal matters, but it is completely up to you what you say. The interviewer will be interested in hearing what you think is important about the events and experiences that led to your conviction. They will also help you draw a network map that shows the roles other (unnamed) people played.

The interviews will usually take 60-90 minutes but if you need longer the interviewer will be able to listen to you for as long as you need. The interviews will take place in a room where other people cannot hear what you are saying. The interviewer will need to record the interview so that they have an accurate record of what has been said. You can ask for the recording to stop at any time during the interviews.

What happens if I do not want to take part or if I change my mind?

The decision whether to take part in the research is completely up to you. If you agree to take part but then change your mind, this is fine – you can withdraw at any point and you do not need to provide a reason. This can happen anytime up to 6 months after the interviews. If you would like to take part, we will explain clearly to you what you are consenting to before the interviews start.

Will I be paid for participating in this research?

Unfortunately we are unable to pay participants, but if you have travelled to the interview we are able to offer travel expenses to cover your trip. Money for travel will be given to you after the interview (up to £5.60 to cover a day bus pass).

How is confidentiality maintained?

After the interviews, a member of the research team will listen to the recording and type up what was said – the interview will then be deleted from the audio-recorder. All recording equipment and typed up versions of the interview will be kept in a locked filing cabinet or on a password secure computer that only the research team can access. We will make sure that your responses cannot be traced back

to you by giving you and anyone else you mention in the research “fake” names. What you say to us in the interviews is completely confidential. This means that whatever is spoken about in the interviews will not be communicated to other people except where you tell us that you, or someone else, are at risk of harm or danger.

There are a couple of exceptions to this. If an interviewee did say that they or anyone else were now at risk of harm or danger the interviewer would tell an offender manager about this. The interviewer would talk to you about how best to pass this information on before doing so. If you describe information relating to terrorist offences or child protection the researcher may also be asked to share that information.

What happens to the data collected?

Once the interview is completed, we will transfer the recording onto a secure server accessed by the research team only. Your name and all other identifiable information will be removed from the transcript. We will share the data with other interested researchers (but it will be without your name or identifying details in it). The results from the interviews may be used in journal articles, books and presentations. Some of what you say may be used, in quotation form but at no point will you be readily identifiable from the information used in these instances.

Who is funding the study?

The research is funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, who are in independent body. See <https://esrc.ukri.org/>.

If you need an interpreter one will be provided for you in your chosen language. You can speak to your probation officer if you have had an interpreter before and would like to use the same one or if you would prefer to have a different interpreter. The research team will also ask you about whether you would like an interpreter during the first meeting.

Who can I contact if I have any questions?

If you have any further questions concerning the research, you can contact us by email, by writing to us or by phone:

Rose Broad, The School of Law, The Williamson Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL; Tel: 0161 2753677; E mail: rosemary.broad@manchester.ac.uk

David Gadd, The School of Law, The Williamson Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL; Tel: 0161 2755621 ; Email: david.gadd@manchester.ac.uk

What if something goes wrong?

At the end of the interview, if you feel upset or need further help or advice, please let the researcher know and they can advise you who to contact. If you are unhappy about the conduct of the research and wish to make a formal complaint about the conduct of the research you can contact a Research Governance and Integrity Manager, Research Office, Christie Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL, by emailing: research.complaints@manchester.ac.uk or by telephoning 0161 275 2674 or 275 8093

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet

Interview Consent Form

If you are happy to participate please complete and sign this consent form:

Please tick.	
1. I confirm that I have read the attached information sheet on the above project and have had the opportunity to consider the information, ask questions and had these answered satisfactorily.	
2. I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without detriment to any services or support offered. This can occur anytime up to 6 months of the last interview.	
3. I understand that all information is treated with strict confidentiality unless I disclose any planned or current involvement in illegal activity, involvement in terrorist activity, child protection or make genuine threats to myself or others.	
4. I understand that the interviews will be audio-recorded.	
5. I agree to the use of anonymous quotes when the research is written up.	
6. I agree that any data collected may be archived so it is possible to share it under strict safeguard and anonymised conditions with other researchers.	

I agree to take part in the above project

Name of Participant

Date

Signature

Name of person taking consent

Date

Signature