# INFORMATION SHEET FOR ADULTS

## Testing the Shared Training and Assessment for Well-Being package (STrAWB)

Thank you for being part of the STrAWB study. We would like to interview some of the people who have been part of the project, and here we provide more information to help you understand why this study is being done and what taking part would involve for you. Please read this carefully before you make a decision. We will phone you in a few days so that you can ask questions or discuss any worries you might have about the study. If you wish to get in touch with us, our contact details are below.

### Who is involved in this research?

The research project is organised by Dr Nikki Luke of the Rees Centre at Oxford University and Professor Robin Banerjee at the University of Sussex. Researchers Dr Áine Kelly and Helen Trivedi will be working directly with adults and children in the study. The research is funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR). The study is approved by the University of Oxford's Central University Research Ethics Committee.

### What are we trying to find out?

As you know, we are testing a new online training and assessment package, STrAWB (Shared Training and Assessment for Well-Being). We are grateful for your participation in the study so far. As part of our 'feasibility trial', we need to see whether everything works as it should, whether people would be willing to take part and whether the study design will tell us what we want to know.

### Why have I been invited to take part?

We are asking you because you are already involved in the STrAWB study. Anything you can tell us about your experiences in this study will be really valuable in helping us to decide whether the project can be rolled out to a larger group.

### What will happen if I take part?

Part of this study is to help us learn what works and what we need to improve in the future. We would like you to take part in a short, informal interview with a researcher. Interviews can be face-to-face or on the telephone and held at a time that suits you. With your permission, we will audio record the interview. We would like to discuss, for example, the project information, the training, the questionnaires, and the feedback report and meeting. You do not have to agree to be interviewed and this will not affect your participation in the other parts of the study.

### Do I have to take part?

Taking part in the interviews is entirely voluntary. You can ask questions about this part of the study before deciding whether or not you want to take part. If you don't want to take part, you do not have to give a reason. If you do agree to take part but then change your mind, you can leave the study at any time, without giving a reason, by telling the researchers.

### What are the possible disadvantages of taking part?

We do not envisage any disadvantages for adults or children taking part in the study. We will not ask questions about pre-care experiences or reasons for entering care.

### What are the possible benefits of taking part?

Taking part gives you the opportunity to make a useful contribution in an important area of research, to help other children in care.

### What happens to the information I provide?

The information you provide as part of the study is known as *research data*. Any research data from which you can be identified is known as *personal data* (e.g., name, audio recording). This includes *sensitive data*, such as ethnicity. We will minimise our use of personal and sensitive data in this study as much as possible.

Interviews/focus groups will be recorded, if you agree we can do this, using an encrypted digital recorder. The sound file will be transferred to our secure server as soon as possible after the interview is completed and will be deleted after it has been transcribed. Transcriptions will remove any names or locations you might mention, to maintain anonymity.

All information will be stored securely on a University computer server or in locked cabinets accessible only to study researchers. Any information you provide will be made anonymous through the use of identification code numbers. Should any serious concerns emerge about a young person's physical or emotional safety, a designated local authority manager will be immediately informed and local authority safeguarding procedures followed.

The results will be written up and publicly available online in an anonymised form, to help other children in care. We would also like to publish our findings in scientific journals, but this may be two to three years from the end of the study. We may include direct quotes from you when we publish the results of the study, but these will not be linked to you. Nobody who takes part will be identifiable in any publication. All research data and records will be stored for a minimum period of 3 years after publication or public release.

### What if there is a problem?

If you have a concern about any part of this study, please contact the Director of the Rees Centre, Professor Leon Feinstein by email (leon.feinstein@education.ox.ac.uk) or phone (01865 274050). A member of the team should get back to you within 10 working days and explain how they intend to deal with your concern. If you are still unhappy or wish to make a formal complaint about this study, please contact the Department of Education Research Ethics Committee at the University of Oxford who will try to sort out the matter:

- E-mail: research.office@education.ox.ac.uk
- Address: 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6PY.

### What should I do next?

If you are happy to take part in an interview please fill in the online consent form. Please remember that you may withdraw at any time, without giving a reason.

We will phone you in the next few days to give you the opportunity to ask more questions. You are also welcome to contact us.

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