

Participant Consent Form for Parents/Carers of Young Adults with Down Syndrome

How did the Covid-19 pandemic impact the transition into adulthood for young adults with Down Syndrome? Experiences of parents/carers.

I would like to thank you for your interest in this research. If you would like to continue and participate in the interview process, please read this **Consent Form** and indicate below whether you are comfortable with the terms stated. Please remember, **participation is voluntary and there are no repercussions for declining at any stage.**

- I have been informed of the nature, format and aim of this study and I consent to taking part.
- My young adult consents to me taking part and has read the information sheet and consent form for young adults, as well as completed and signed the consent form.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I have the right to withdraw before or during the interview and that I do not need to give a reason for this. I also understand that I can pass interview questions or not share an experience if this would make me or my young adult feel uncomfortable.
- I understand that I can withdraw my data from the study at any point within one week of the date of the interview. I understand that after this my anonymised interview data may be used as part of the findings of the research, and as such would be unretractable.
- I understand that my interview audio recording will be stored securely and confidentially on a password-protected computer. This recording will be kept for no more than two months to allow time for transcription. After transcription, the audio recording will be destroyed. The participant code will be removed from the transcription.
- I understand that the conversation from my interview including quotations may be used in the discussion and write-up of this study, but that these will be anonymised (for example, any names will be changed and personal/identifiable information will be removed). Therefore, the research data in the write-up and possible future publication will be fully anonymous.
- I have had the opportunity to ask any questions I may have about the research, and I know who I can contact if I have any further questions, concerns, or comments.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Participant code (to be assigned by the researcher): _____

For queries relating to the research, please contact the researcher via the below email address:

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