**Participant Information Sheet**

**Name of department: School of Applied Social Sciences
Title of the study: Moving on? Integration and onward migration of dispersed refugees in the UK**

**Introduction**My name is Dr Emma Stewart and I am a Lecturer from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow. Along with Dr Marnie Shaffer, Research Associate, we are conducting research on the migration experiences of refugees who have been dispersed across the UK. The research project will increase our knowledge of refugee integration by focusing upon onward migration after dispersal.

**What is the purpose of this investigation?**The aim of this research is to understand more about the migration decisions of refugees who have been dispersed around the UK. The key aims are to explore patterns of movement amongst refugees across the UK by identifying movement within the UK and between cities and regions. The research will explore why refugees migrate (or not) and how this impacts upon the process of refugee integration. Finally the project will consider the policy implications for service providers and the voluntary sector, in terms of the impact of UK dispersal upon refugee migration and integration.

**Do you have to take part?**Participation in the interview is completely voluntary. It is up to you to decide if you want to take part in the interview. Any services or support you receive from organisations will NOT be affected if you decide not to take part.

**What will you do in the project?**We are conducting interviews with refugees across the UK during 2013/2014. We are interested to know where you have lived in the UK and why you have moved house/location. We would also like to know why you have decided to remain in a particular area or city. We want to hear your opinions about what it is like to live in different parts of the UK.

The interview will be an informal chat and take between one to two hours of your time in total. The interview will be completely confidential and anonymous.

Each participant will be reimbursed with £10, to cover both their time and travel expenses.

During the interview you can stop whenever you want. You can ask for a break or finish another time. You can refuse to answer any questions.

The interviews will be tape-recorded but only if you agree. If you do not, then the researcher will take handwritten notes. If you wish, you can be given a copy of the transcription after the interview, to give comments.

You can decide which language the interview will be conducted in. However, if you choose to speak in a language other than English, a qualified, independent interpreter will be present at the interview, who will also maintain confidentiality.

**Why have you been invited to take part?**This project involves conducting interviews with refugees who have been dispersed across the UK. We are speaking to refugees currently living in Glasgow, Cardiff, Manchester and London.

**What are the potential risks to you in taking part?**

You should be aware that any services or support you receive from organisations will NOT be affected if you decide not to take part.

**What happens to the information in the project?**Any information provided will be completely confidential and anonymous. Nobody will be identified in the final report and your name will not be used anywhere.

**How will my personal information be used?**

All data will be securely stored during the research project. No person will be identified in the research project and results will remain anonymous. Any identifiable information (e.g. names, locations) will be removed from the final transcript used for analysis.

The University of Strathclyde is registered with the Information Commissioner’s Office who implements the Data Protection Act 1998. All personal data on participants will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

**Thank you for reading this information – please ask any questions if you are unsure about what is written here.**

**What happens next?**If you are happy to be involved in the project, please sign the consent form. If you do not wish to be involved, thank you for your time. After the interview, you will be provided with a copy of your interview transcript if you wish. You are also welcome to attend the final research project seminar as well as receive a copy of the final report.

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This investigation was granted ethical approval by the University of Strathclyde ethics committee.

If you have any questions/concerns, during or after the investigation, or wish to contact an independent person to whom any questions may be directed or further information may be sought from, please contact:

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**Consent Form**

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* I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet for the above project and the researcher has answered any queries to my satisfaction.
* I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the project at any time, without having to give a reason and without any consequences.
* I understand that I can withdraw my data from the study at any time.
* I understand that any information recorded in the investigation will remain confidential and no information that identifies me will be made publicly available.
* I give permission for the researcher to hold the data given for this and any future study.
* I understand that I will continue to receive support from the organisation (insert appropriate organisation for each city) whether or not I agree to take part.
* I consent to being audio recorded as part of the project - Yes/No (delete as applicable)

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| (PRINT NAME) | Hereby agree to take part in the above project |
| Signature of Participant: | Date |