**Manchester Language Study: Outcomes in adult life**

**Nominated Informant Information Sheet**

**Who will conduct the research?**

(Name of researchers)

Manchester Language Study team

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School of Psychological Sciences

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Oxford Road

Manchester, M13 9PL

**What is the aim of the research?**

We are looking at how well adults with and without a history of language difficulties are doing in terms of three main areas of their lives: personal, social and societal.

1] The personal area of life includes general health (weight, exercise, leisure, smoking), mental health (anxiety, depression) and educational/training qualifications (diplomas, apprenticeships, degrees).

2] The social area of life includes personal relationships (marital status, children, friendships, stable partnerships, parents, siblings) and social adjustment (independence, aggression).

3] The societal engagement area of life includes employment (including occupational adjustment), independence (living context, transport, driving), finances (banking, debt) civic participation (voting, volunteering), TV viewing and new media use (computers, mobile phones).

**Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen as you have been nominated by someone taking part in the Manchester Language Study. They have told us that you know them well and will be able to provide some information about them.

**What will I be asked to do if I take part?**

If you take part, you will be asked to fill in a questionnaire about the person who nominated you and possibly be interviewed over the phone.

**What happens to the data collected?**

We will take the information you give us and link it up with information we already have about the person from when they were younger and also the information we get from them during this stage of the study. We will write papers which will be published in journals and also go to conferences to talk about the findings.

The data we collect may also be used by other researchers to investigate specific aspects of communication development and difficulties. An anonymous database containing information collected in this study is likely, in due course, to be deposited within the data archive of the Economic and Social Research Council, who funded this phase of the study. This database will not contain any identifying details and will ensure full data protection.

**Will my data be confidential?**

We will use a unique identity number to match up information so that all the information will be confidential. The person who nominated you to complete the questionnaire will not see your answers. We will not publish the data without protecting your identity and the identity of the person who nominated you. The data will be held in a locked filing cabinet within a locked office and databases will be encrypted for security.

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

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without detriment to yourself.

**Will I be paid for participating in the research?**

You will receive £50 in Love to Shop high street vouchers.

**What is the duration of the research?**

The questionnaire should take no more than 2 hours to complete.

**Where will the research be conducted?**

At your home.

**Will the outcomes of the research be published?**

The findings of the study will be published in peer reviewed journals and also be presented at conferences both in the UK and abroad.

**Criminal Records Check**

All researchers on the team have undergone a satisfactory criminal records check.

**Contact for further information**

(Researcher Name)

HCD

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Phone number: (Researcher phone number)

Email address: (Researcher email address)

**What if something goes wrong?**

Please contact Gina Conti-Ramsden (Head of Study)

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If a participant wants to make a formal complaint about the conduct of the research they should contact the Head of the Research Office, Christie Building, University of Manchester, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL.

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**NOMINATED INFORMANT CONSENT FORM**

If you are happy to participate please complete and sign the consent form below. The information you give us will not be seen by the person who nominated you.

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|  | | **Please Initial Box** |
| 1. I confirm that I have read the attached information sheet on the above project and have had the opportunity to consider the information and ask questions and had these answered satisfactorily. | |  |
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| 1. 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 | |  |
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| 1. I agree to the use of anonymous quotes | |
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| 1. I agree that any data collected may be passed to other researchers | |  |
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I agree to take part in the above project

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| Name of participant |  | Date |  | Signature |