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**Information Sheet: Perceived Credibility of Eywitnesses**

My name is Katie Maras and I am a Postdoctoral Researcher of Psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London. For our current project, I am carrying out a study on the perceived credibility of eyewitnesses, mentored by Prof. Amina Memon. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the research with Prof. Memon, you can contact her by email, Amina.Memon@rhul.ac.uk or by phone on 01784 276563. If you need to contact me, please email Katie.Maras@rhul.ac.uk or call 01784 276548. I would really appreciate your participation, because the outcomes of our study will help us understand how reliable perceptions of credibility are for memory accuracy and for different types of witnesses.

If you decide to take part, I will ask you to watch some videoed interviews of eyewitnesses recalling a previously participated-in event, in which they helped to carry out some first aid on a manikin. After each video you will be asked to complete a questionnaire where you will be asked to rate the credibility of the witness on a number of different dimensions. This should take no longer than one hour in total and will be at the Department of Psychology, RHUL. Nobody except myself and Prof. Memon will be allowed to see your files/questionnaires and in the study you will be known only by a number. So the information you provide is completely confidential.

You do not have to take part in this study if you don’t want to. If you decide to take part you may withdraw at any time without having to give a reason. Your decision whether to take part or not will not affect your treatment or care in any way.

Please feel free to ask any questions before you complete the consent form below, then hand this completed consent form to the researcher. It will be stored separately from the anonymous information you provide for the research project.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Psychology Department internal ethical procedure at Royal Holloway, University of London.

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**Consent form**  ID number……………….

You have been asked to participate in a study about the perceived credibility of eyewitnesses, which is being carried out by Dr Katie Maras and Prof. Amina Memon. Have you (please circle yes or no):

* Read the information sheet about the study? yes no
* Had an opportunity to ask questions? yes no
* Got satisfactory answers to your questions? yes no
* Understood that you’re free to withdraw from the study

at any time, without giving a reason yes no

(and without it affecting your care/ education if applicable)?

Do you agree to take part in the study ? yes no

Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Name in block letters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date ­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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