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**INTERVIEWEE INFORMATION SHEET**

**Study Title:** Pandemic Policing – organisational resilience and wellbeing

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**1. Invitation**

I would like to invite you to take part in this research study which is a joint project between the University of Portsmouth and Hampshire Constabulary. Taking part in the interview is entirely up to you, before you decide I would like you to understand why the research is being done and what it would involve for you. Please feel free to talk to others about the study if you wish.

**2. Study summary**

This study is attempting to analyse the public and police response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of policing on the public and internally.

**3. What is the purpose of the study?**

The purpose of the study is to provide evidence of how the police have coped with the pandemic and how the public have perceived policing the lockdown and any factors that may influence that perception.

**4. Why have I been invited?**

You have been invited to take part in an interview as you have indicated your willingness to do so in the recent surveys sent out online.

**5. Do I have to take part?**

No, taking part in this research is entirely voluntary. It is up to you to decide if you still want to volunteer for the interview. We will describe the interview in this information sheet.

**6. What will happen to me if I take part?**

If you agree to take part in the interview you need to complete the consent form which will have been emailed to you together with dates and times for interview. Once you have selected a date and time separate instructions will be sent to you via email to arrange a video interview. The interview itself should take between 30-60 minutes. The interview will be recorded to enable a transcription to be made and analysed.

**7. What are the possible disadvantages, burdens and risks of taking part?**

Other than the use of your time, very little in the way of disadvantage or risk to participants is foreseen. Any risk of your contribution being identifiable to you personally will be minimal as all participant information will be anonymised.

**8. What are the possible advantages or benefits of taking part?**

The policing organisation will be able to use the research data to address any potential gaps in their future emergency planning and address any concerns about public perception lockdown regulations and their effectiveness.

**9. Will my data be kept confidential?**

Your contribution will be kept confidential; no information that will connect you to your contribution will be used in the study report. The data may be shared more widely in accordance with the [Wellcome call](https://wellcome.org/coronavirus-covid-19/open-data) for COVID-19 data to be shared widely due to the significant and urgent threat of the coronavirus to global health. All digital data will be stored for a period of ten years, in accordance with university standards. The raw data will be kept securely within the survey host password-protected website. Only the University of Portsmouth research team will have access to this data. The raw data will be retained for a minimum of 10 years. When it is no longer required, the data will be disposed of securely.

**10. What will happen if I don’t want to carry on with the study?**

As a volunteer you can stop the interview at any stage but once all of the interviews have been completed and the data is about to be analysed, it will not be possible to withdraw.

**11. What if there is a problem?**

If you have a query, concern or complaint about any aspect of this study, in the first instance you should contact the researcher(s) if appropriate. If your concern or complaint is not resolved by the researcher, you should contact the Head of Department:

The Head of Department Dr Paul Norman ([paul.norman@port.ac.uk](mailto:paul.norman@port.ac.uk))

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**12. Who is funding the research?**

This research is being funded by the Economic and Social Research Council as part of the [UKRI call for ideas that address COVID-19](https://www.ukri.org/funding/funding-opportunities/ukri-open-call-for-research-and-innovation-ideas-to-address-covid-19/) . None of the researchers will receive any financial reward by conducting this study, other than their normal salary as an employee of the University.

**13. Who has reviewed the study?**

Research involving human participants is reviewed by an ethics committee to ensure that the dignity and well-being of participants is respected. This study has been reviewed by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Ethics Committee and been given favourable ethical opinion.

**Thank you**

Thank you for taking time to read this information sheet and for considering volunteering an interview.