



Realities Checked: Interpreting Stories Of Crime In Gypsy And Traveller Communities

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET



- 1. What is this research about?** The study aims to learn more about the experiences of Gypsies and Travellers' experiences of crime and justice. As part of the research that includes interviews and surveys with Gypsies and Travellers we are also keen to understand how professionals working in the criminal justice system or its partners, perceive their role and that of their organisation for working with Gypsies and Travellers. We will be conducting this research in London, the South East, Devon and Cornwall, East Anglia, Leeds and Manchester. The research has been approved by the HMPPS NRC ethics process and by the Universities of Plymouth, East Anglia and London School of Economics.

The study is interested in finding out:

What has been the rationale for the strategic and operational approaches used by relevant professionals in engaging with Gypsies and Travellers?

- 2. Who is doing the research?** Professors Coretta Phillips and Zoë James, who are both criminologists, and Professor Becky Taylor who is an historian. We are all university researchers.
- 3. Who is paying for this research?** It has been funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) which funds research into social and economic issues such as quality of life.
- 4. How will the research be done?** We will be interviewing 60 professionals like yourself.
- 5. Do I have to take part?** You do not have to take part in the study and it is up to you whether you do so. If you agree to take part, I will give you this Research Information Sheet to keep and ask you to sign a consent form. You are still free to stop being involved at any time, and you don't have to give a reason.
- 6. What will happen in the interview if I agree to take part?** I will ask you some questions about the work you do and your organisation in relation to Gypsies and Travellers. The interview will last for around an hour.
- 7. Will people find out that I participated or what I said?** No. If you agree, I would like to record the interview using a voice recorder. I will produce a full record of what is said. The voice recording will be saved to a computer protected by a password which only Professors Phillips, James and Taylor know. You will not be named or identified in any reports that are written about the research.
- 8. What are the possible benefits of taking part?** You can provide valuable information about how professionals and organisations work with Gypsies and Travellers' that will inform future policy and practice.
- 9. What will happen to the results of the research study?** They will be written up into articles to be published in academic journals and a book, and presented at various conferences. We will also produce a policy brief.
- 10. Who do I contact if I have a complaint about the research?** Please contact research.ethics@lse.ac.uk

CONSENT FORM

Interviewer's Declaration I declare that I have explained clearly to the participant the aims and objectives of this study and have received their consent to participate as below.	Signature/Date	
	Date:	
Participant Declaration I have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet	YES	NO
I have been able to ask questions and any have been answered to my satisfaction		
I give my consent to participate in this study		
I agree for my interview to be recorded, transcribed word-for-word, and stored on a password-protected computer		
I would like to receive a copy of my interview transcript (address below)		
I give permission to include the type of organisation I work within, not identifying me		
I give permission to include my comments, without my name being attributed to them, in your research findings, which will be shared and published: I would like this pseudonym to be used with my comments		
I give permission for an actor to voice my words in a podcast, video, or other event		
I give consent for my interview transcript in anonymous form to be archived		
Signature	Date:	
Would you like to receive a report on the findings from this research? If YES, please include a postal or email address below:		

If you agree to be interviewed, please complete two copies of the Consent Form below. Return one copy to the researcher and keep the other for your own records.

If you have any further questions please contact Professor Coretta Phillips (coretta.phillips@lse.ac.uk), Professor Zoë James (z.james@plymouth.ac.uk) or Professor Becky Taylor (B.Taylor@uea.ac.uk).

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