

Information Sheet and Consent Form

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Interview Sign-up Consent Sheet

Before you sign up for an interview, please read the following information.

The interview will be an informal conversation about your everyday smartphone use. There will be two sections to the interview questions:

- 1) How your smartphone has helped you in relation to your asylum application
- 2) How your smartphone has been useful in your everyday life here in the UK

You can request to see the questions in advance.

IMPORTANT: THIS INTERVIEW DOES NOT REQUIRE YOU TO DISCLOSE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR JOURNEY TO THE UK. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION AND YOU CAN REQUEST YOUR DATA TO BE DELETED, EVEN AFTER THE INTERVIEW HAS FINISHED.

What are the aims of this research?

The aim of the research is to find out how asylum seekers in the North-East of England use smartphones in their everyday lives. This research is interested in looking at everyday digital practices of participants throughout their time in the asylum application process and in general day-to-day life.

What will the findings be used for?

- This research will contribute to ongoing efforts within and outside of academia to support those going through the asylum application process through digital inclusion
- There is potential for policy development around digital inclusion and access
- The findings will be used to develop and inform research, training and resources involved in the digital lives of asylum seekers.

How will your data be used?

Notes will be taken throughout the interview. If consent is given, the interview will be recorded and transcribed. The recording will then be deleted immediately.

We commit to keeping your personal information secure and will not use it to contact you for any other purpose unless you have agreed to this. Your personal information will always be kept confidential.

When your data is used to write up findings, it will be anonymised and pseudonymised (remove any information which can identify you such as your name and replace this with a unique code or key). This is done to protect your identity and personal data.

Your participation and consent in the research

Participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to withdraw at any point. All data collected will be kept strictly confidential and used for research purposes only.

By signing up to an interview, you give consent to participate in this research method. You will be asked again to confirm this consent before the interview starts.

Please feel free to ask any questions.