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**Young People Quality of Life Study**

**Information Sheet for Young people 16-18**

**What is the Young People Quality of Life Study?**

The Young People Quality of Life study is about helping researchers and decision-makers to learn about what is important to young people. This study is funded by Wellcome and has been approved by the University of Bristol Ethics Committee.

**Why have I been asked to take part?**

We are inviting you to take part because we want to hear about the things that are important to you now, and in the future. The findings from the research will help local and national healthcare decision-makers to decide how health and social care is funded for children and young people.

**What will I have to do?**

* We are asking you to take part in an interview to talk to us about the things that are important in your life
* If you agree to take part, a member of the research team will get in touch with you to arrange a convenient time for the interview. The interview is likely to take place online.
* We will ask you to sign a written consent form to take part
* With your permission, we will record the interview - although you can ask us to stop recording at any time
* You do not have to answer every question if you don’t want to
* The interview will last around 1 hour
* We will give you a £10 voucher as a thank you!
* We might invite you to take part in another interview in the future, but you don’t have to.

**Do I have to take part?**

No, you don’t have to take part. If you decide to take part and then change your mind, then that is also okay. You can withdraw from the research at any time without giving a reason. If you decide to withdraw from the research after the interview, please ensure to notify us within a week of the interview; the data you have provided will then be destroyed. If you notify us after this time period it is possible the data may already have been analysed and used to inform future interviews. **What will happen to my data?**

* Your data will be analysed and stored electronically on a secure computer network at the University of Bristol
* Any paper copies of this information will be locked in filing cabinets at the research base (University of Bristol)
* Your personal data will only be accessed by the research team and will not be used in research reports. Any information that could identify you will be removed from the data before the findings are seen by others
* Quotes from your interview may be used in research reports and presentations but you will not be identifiable from these
* At the end of the study your data will be made “Controlled Access”, which means your data will be stored in an online database and can be accessed and used by other researchers through requests to a Data Access Committee. However, there will be no way to identify you from these data.

**What do I do next?**If you would like to take part in the study, please complete and return the questionnaire on the back of the study invitation letter. A member of the research team will then be in touch to arrange the interview.

**If you have any concerns about the study, please contact:**  
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