

## **Betting and gaming in everyday life: information leaflet and consent form for focus groups**

### **The research is about...**

- ✓ We're looking at what young people think about betting and gaming.
- ✓ We want to understand what young people like and don't like about betting and gaming and whether they do this.

### **Who are we?**

✓ The research is being led by Heather Wardle, a researcher working at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

✓ You can contact Heather here:

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### **How will we do the research?**

By talking to young people in groups

### **What will the focus group be like?**

There will be around 12 young people the same age as you sitting around a table in a room in your school/college with Heather. She will ask you questions about different types of betting and gaming and what you think of them. The discussion will last about 50 mins. We will record the discussion.

### **Can I change my mind about taking part or answering?**

Yes, of course. You can change your mind or leave the room anytime you want to. You can also skip any questions you don't want to answer.

### **Will my name be used?**

No, we'll give you a different name and we'll change the name of your school, so that no one reading about the project knows who you really are.

### **Is it confidential?**

- ✓ Yes. We won't tell anybody what you said.
- ✓ But if you tell you us something that makes us worried about your safety or the safety of someone else, we may have to let someone else know what you've said, but we will always talk to you first if it happens.

### What will happen afterwards?

- ✓ We will listen to the recording from your discussions and those from other schools, and then we'll write about young people's views and experiences of betting and gaming (e.g., in a book or a report).
- ✓ All information will be fully anonymized, so people won't know who took part. This anonymized data may be shared with other researchers who are interested in this topic. With your permission, may use quotes of things people said in our report but we will not say who said them, the quotes will be anonymized.
- ✓ It takes a long time to write a report, but once it is ready, you will be able to find it here: TBC

### Can I get more information?

Yes, of course. Contact Heather on number 0774 545 8519 or email: [heather.wardle@lshtm.ac.uk](mailto:heather.wardle@lshtm.ac.uk). Or you can talk to Heather when she is at your school.

### Yes, I want to take part.

**Remember: There are no right or wrong answers. We are just interested in hearing about your experiences.**

Please fill out this form, sign it and give to Heather.  
Please tick as appropriate

I agree to take part in an interview for the research project betting and gaming in everyday life and to have have the group recorded

I agree that anonymized quotes of things I've said can be used in reports

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign here: \_\_\_\_\_