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**Interview Consent Form (Phone or Online)**

**SEQUENCE Digital - Sexual health equity through evidence-based online**

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The researcher will go through this consent form with you prior to interview. You will need to agree to the statements below (except #11 which is optional) before we can conduct the interview. Your replies will be audio recorded for our records but kept separate from your main interview recording and transcript. The researcher will read each statement and you should reply ‘yes’ if you agree and wish to proceed. The researcher will then ask you to state your name; the researcher will do the same and include a record of the date, before stopping the consent audio recording. If you agree to statements 1-10, the researcher will start a new recording and the interview will begin.

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| **#** | **Statement** |
| *Taking part in this study* | |
| 1 | I confirm that I have read and understood the participant information sheet (version 3 dated 03.09.21).I have had an opportunity to ask questions and have had these answered satisfactorily |
| 2 | I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I can stop the interview at any time without giving a reason and without any impact on me, my access to services, or treatment |
| 3 | I understand that taking part in this study involves an audio-recorded interview and that my audio file will be de-identified (anonymised) before being confidentially transcribed by a trained audio typist who has signed a confidentiality agreement. My audio file will be destroyed once my transcript is returned and checked for accuracy by the researcher |
| 4 | I understand that in exceptional circumstances my confidentiality might be broken to protect my or another person’s safety and that this will be discussed with me first |
| 5 | I understand that I can withdraw my participation up to the end of data collection (February 2022) if I want to. I can do this without giving a reason and without any impact on me, my access to services, or treatment |
| *Use of my data in this study* | |
| 6 | I understand that personal information collected about me that can identify me, such as my name and contact details, will not be shared beyond the research team |
| 7 | I understand that my personal information (e.g., age, gender, sexuality, ethnicity, disability, education, occupation, postcode etc.) will be stored securely on Glasgow Caledonian University computers that require password access. The information I provide will be used to give a general report about the study sample’s characteristics, without sharing any details that could identify me as an individual |
| 8 | I understand that my postcode will be used to determine my area’s Index of Multiple Deprivation ranking, allowing the study sample to be described in terms of relative affluence/ deprivation of location of residence. This will not identify me as an individual |
| 9 | I understand that de-identified (anonymised) quotes may be used in reports and publications about the research; however, it will not be possible to identify me, or anyone I mention, from this information |
| *Final consent statement* | |
| 10 | I consent to take part in this interview and agree my participation has been fully explained to me |
| *Future use and reuse of my data and information by others (optional)* | |
| 11 | I give permission for my de-identified (anonymised) transcript to be analysed by other experienced researchers who are employed by the SEQUENCE Digital affiliated institutions and by students studying on courses at the SEQUENCE Digital affiliated institutions so that it can be used for future research and learning |

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