

APPENDIX 4

Brief Participant Information Sheet

An invitation to be involved in a Research Project

Hi, my name is **Sarah Marshall**. I am a Masters Research student at Leeds Beckett University.

My research project

“Perceptions of AAC users about the potential of VOCAs to express identity”

This study aims to find out how people using Voice Output Communication Aids (VOCAs) feel about the voice on their device.

The study involves conducting face to face interviews with individuals who use a VOCA. These interviews will be conducted at the participant’s choice of location and will be no longer than two hours. This is only a guide and is dependent on each participant. You can stop the interview whenever you want to.

My project has been approved by a research committee that protects your rights, safety and privacy.

How can you help?

As someone who uses a VOCA, your thoughts, opinions and feelings about the voice output on your device are important and we would like to give you an opportunity to express these views.

Will my data be used?

The interviews will be audio or video recorded to ensure that all data is collected accurately. You will be required to give permission for your comments to be transcribed. This data will be stored according to the Data Protection Act 1998. Your data will be kept confidential and you will not be identifiable in the final report.

How you can contact me:

If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact me on (email address).

How you can contact my project supervisors:

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