**Information sheet and Consent form**

**Stories relating to diagnosis and living with Stroke**

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## Participant Information

I am a researcher that is interested in the stories people who have had stroke starting from before hospital discharge .This project is one of an extensive range of projects that hopes to further and establish the role, benefit and factors that influence the stories that people tell.

1. **Study title**

 Examining illness stories following stroke; a reflection of the journey starting from hospital discharge

2. **Invitation**

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

 Thank you for reading this.

3. **What is the purpose of the study?**

The purpose of this study is to explore stories associated with diagnosis and living with stroke.

4. **Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen to take part as you are an individual directly affected by a Stroke. Your views, opinions and experiences are vital to constructing an understanding of stories associate with illness at different time .We are interested in obtaining participant from individuals who are over 18 years of age and do not have any cognitive or speech difficulties and would be able to sign a consent form themselves.

5. **Do I have to take part?**

It is up to you to decide whether to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form. If you decide to take part, you are still free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason. Please be aware that once the data has been published then you will not be able to withdraw.

6. **What will happen to me if I take part?**

You will be required to undertake one semi-structured interview via Skype lasting a maximum of 1.5 hours.

This means you will be invited to Skype video call by one of our research team. At the start of the interview we will ask you to confirm some basic demographical information and then proceed with 18 specific questions relating to your illness stories and your experiences of diagnosis stroke and living with stroke.

You will be given a £30-pound voucher to keep once you accept and attend the Skype video interview of whether you complete the interview or have to remove your data.

7. **What do I have to do?**

You will be required to accept one video call via Skype by one of our research team and allocate no more than 1.5 hours of your time to take part in the interviews. Then, you will answer open questions around your experiences and stories relating to diagnosis and living with stroke.

8.**What are the possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

Giving time to this interview may impact on your day and be a disruption. During the interview you will be asked about your experiences of stroke. Remembering this information could cause some distress. You will be sent via email a sheet that gives you access to local supportive services following the interview as a precaution but we do not expect this to be needed based on many other studies.

9. **Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

All information that is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. All recordings from interviews will be anonymous and will be kept in a locked office in a secure building at the University of Birmingham and Data Protection Act (2018). This data will be kept for 10 years.

10. **What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The data will be used for research publications and outputs that accumulate your responses with others to document the most common stories or experiences stated. They will be presented within the university and may be used for conference presentations.

11. **Who has reviewed the study?**

# **The University ethics committee. Review number: ERN\_17-0149X.**

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