**Sample Information sheet and Consent form for Qualitative studies**

**Information Sheet for study on XX**

My name is X and I am conducting research in the Department of Psychology that explores people’s attitude to mental health. This research is being conducted as part of my studies and will be submitted for examination.

You are invited to participate in a research study that will form the basis for an undergraduate thesis. Please read the following information before deciding whether to participate.

**What are the objectives of the study?** The nature of this study requires individuals to participate in interviews to discuss their attitudes towards mental health.

**Why have I been asked to participate?** I would like to collect information from different people regarding X.

* Insert any inclusion criteria here
* Must over 18 years of age

**What does participation involve?** Include a brief description of what is involved. This will involve discussing personal experiences or attitudes regarding this topic. A recording device will be used to record the interview and notes will also be taken during the interview.

**Right to withdraw** Participants have the right to withdraw from the research at any time for whatever reason. Participants can also request at any time to have their response data removed from record.

**Are there any benefits from my participation?** While there will be no direct benefit from participation studies like this can make an important contribution to our understanding this topic further. As such, the findings from this study may be presented at national and international conferences and will be submitted for publication in peer-reviewed journals. Interim and final reports will be prepared. However no individual participant will be identified in any publication or presentation. Individuals will not be offered any monetary or other rewards for their participation.

**Are there any risks involved in participation?** There are no known risks associated with participation. However, there may be some discomfort when discussing this topic. If you feel uncomfortable you can stop at any time. Any inconvenience involved in taking part will be limited. Any questions prior to participation can be asked following the review of this sheet. After participation, a debriefing stage will be offered where any further questions will be answered, or any questions can be emailed to my email address below.

**Confidentiality** All individual information collected as part of the study will be used solely for research purposes. They will be stored safely and will not be publicly displayed or published without prior consent. Any quotes will be presented anonymously and will not identify you. Data collected is stored in the EU, for five years, and will be used for research purposes to generate research content such as publications and presentations.

Please note this research has been ethically approved by the DBS College Human Research Ethics Committee.

**Contact Details**

Should you require any further information about the research, please contact

Joe Bloggs, [studentnumber@mydbs.ie](mailto:studentnumber@mydbs.ie). My supervisor can be contacted at [insert details].

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

**Consent Form**

**A Study of XXX**

I have read and understood the attached Information Sheet regarding this study.

Yes / No

I have had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the study with the researcher and I have received satisfactory answers to all my questions.

Yes / No

I understand that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time without giving a reason and without this affecting my training.

Yes / No

I understand that a recording device will be used to record the interview.

Yes / No

I agree to take part in the study, the results of which will be published.

Yes / No

I agree to have my data relating to this study to be stored confidentially as described in the Information Sheet.

Yes / No

I consent to participating in the study.

Yes / No

Participant’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participant’s Name in print: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_