

## University Ethics Committee

### Examples of pictorial consent forms and participant information sheets


For some research participants (for example children and adults with learning difficulties) it can be helpful to present participant information sheets and consent forms in a visual way, using pictures, photographs or symbols. Text should be kept simple, using language that is easy to understand, and short sentences or bullet points. Time-lines can be useful in helping participants to understand sequences of events.

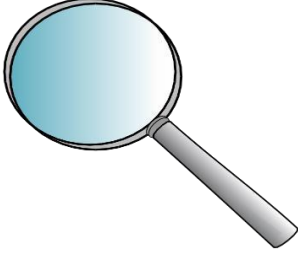

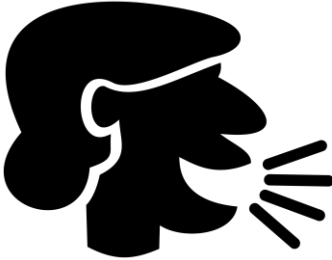
Two examples of pictorial consent forms and information sheets are set out below to give you an idea of what these might look like, but please note that you must design the information sheet and consent form for the needs of the particular participants that you are intending to recruit and these examples are not intended to be used as templates.

Note that if participants' personal data are being processed, in order to comply with Data Protection legislation, participants must be provided with a Privacy Notice. The standard Privacy Notice is unlikely to be suitable for these participants, please see example Privacy Notice for children.


## Participant Information Sheet

### 1. Invitation:





Picture of researcher	Hi, my name is [insert name]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I am a student. I like to learn new things.</li><li>• I am learning how to be an Occupational Therapist.</li><li>• Occupational Therapists help people to do the things they want to or need to do.</li></ul>
	I am trying to learn more about craft and how it makes you feel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I want to collect information called research.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I would like to invite you to take part.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can talk to someone you trust about this if you wish.</li> </ul>



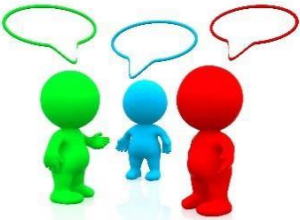
## 2. Why have I been invited?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You have been invited because I want to learn about people who go to craft group.</li> <li>• You go to a craft group.</li> <li>• I want to learn about why craft is important to you.</li> </ul>
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### 3. Do I have to take part?


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• You do not have to take part.</li><li>• If you say 'No' then that is OK.</li><li>• It is your choice.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you say 'Yes' then I will come to meet you with [insert name of Key worker] or your Mum/Dad here at [insert day centre name].</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will chat to you about my research and you can ask me questions if you wish.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you change your mind and don't want to take part at any time, that is OK too.</li><li>• You don't have to tell me why.</li></ul>

#### 4. What will happen to me if I take part?

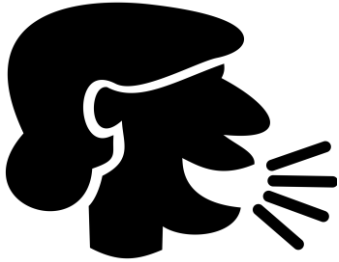
<p>Picture of researcher</p>	<p>I will visit you again, at [insert name of Day centre]</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will look at you making crafts.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will write some things down about what I can see you doing or hear you saying.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Later, when you are ready, I will talk to you again.</li> <li>• I will ask you some questions about what you think of craft.</li> <li>• I will talk to [key worker] and Mum/Dad after.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will use a recorder machine so that I can remember what you tell me.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After you have told me all that you would like me to know, I will have to say 'Goodbye'.</li> </ul>


5. What are the possible benefits of taking part?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking part may help people understand why craft is important to people similar to you.</li> </ul>
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6. What if there is a problem?


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can talk to me or someone you know about it.</li> <li>• You can ask questions.</li> <li>• You can tell me you don't want to take part anymore.</li> </ul>
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## 7. Will my taking part be kept confidential?


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will not use your real name in my work.</li><li>• I will lock the information away.</li><li>• This is to keep your information safe so that others can't take it.</li></ul>
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## What will happen to the results?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will talk to my teacher, who is called a supervisor, about what I have learnt.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will need to write more about what I learnt.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I will send you information on what I learnt from you and [insert day centre name]</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will not use your real name when writing about it so no one will know it is you.</li> </ul>
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## 8. Who has reviewed this study?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People from the University of Strathclyde have reviewed it to make sure it is safe for me to gather this information.</li> </ul>
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## 9. Contacts for further information: To be included when appropriate.



*Consent form:*

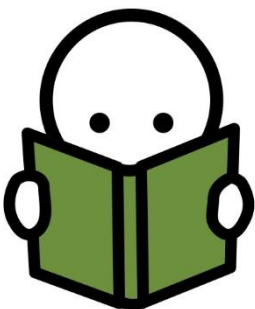
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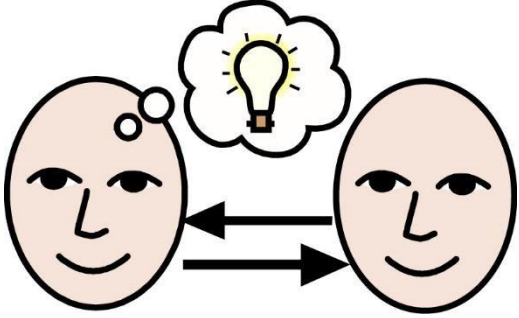
Insert photo of researcher	[Name]
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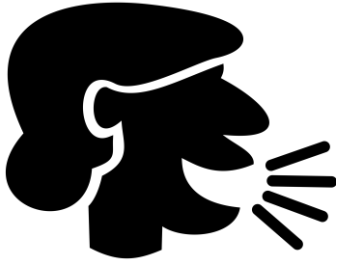
Name of Participant:


Photo	[Name]
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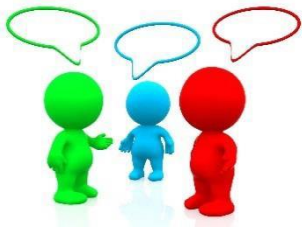
Please initial all boxes and sign below:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I have read the participant information sheet</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand what it means</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have asked any questions that I needed to ask</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am happy for [name of researcher] to come to see me doing craft</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am happy for [name of researcher] to interview me</li> </ul>
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- I am happy for my voice to be recorded on something similar to this



- I would like to take part in the research



Your name:

Witness (if necessary):



Date:

# PARTICIPANT CONSENT FORM




For patients with language difficulties following stroke


Title of Project:

Participant Information Number:




Please circle the appropriate box




Copies: 1 for participant, 1 for researcher file, 1 for case notes




	<p>I have <b>understood</b> the <b>information sheet</b>.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; text-align: center;">  <b>yes</b> </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <b>no</b>  </div> </div>
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	<p>I have had <b>time to think</b> about the <b>information</b> and ask <b>questions</b>.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; text-align: center;">  <b>yes</b> </div> <div style="display: inline-block; width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <b>no</b>  </div> </div>
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	<p>I am <b>happy</b> with the answers.</p>	<div data-bbox="1023 174 1477 309"> <div>yes </div> <div>no </div> </div>
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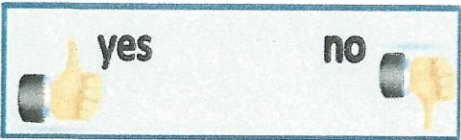
	<p>I <b>understand</b> that I can <b>stop</b> at <b>any time</b>; I do <b>not</b> have to <b>give a reason</b>.</p>	<div data-bbox="1023 577 1477 712"> <div>yes </div> <div>no </div> </div>
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	<p>I agree that researchers may <b>look</b> at my <b>medical notes</b> and <b>brain scans</b> to <b>collect information</b> about my stroke and treatment.</p>	<div data-bbox="1023 1061 1477 1196"> <div>yes </div> <div>no </div> </div>
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	<p>I agree that my <b>medical notes</b> may be looked at by <b>regulatory authorities</b>, the sponsor or the NHS, to check that it is being conducted correctly</p>	<div data-bbox="1023 1626 1477 1760"> <div>yes </div> <div>no </div> </div>
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I understand that **information**  
collected about me will be  
**anonymised**  
and used for **medical**  
**research** and **technology**



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Name of participant

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Date

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Signature

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Name of researcher

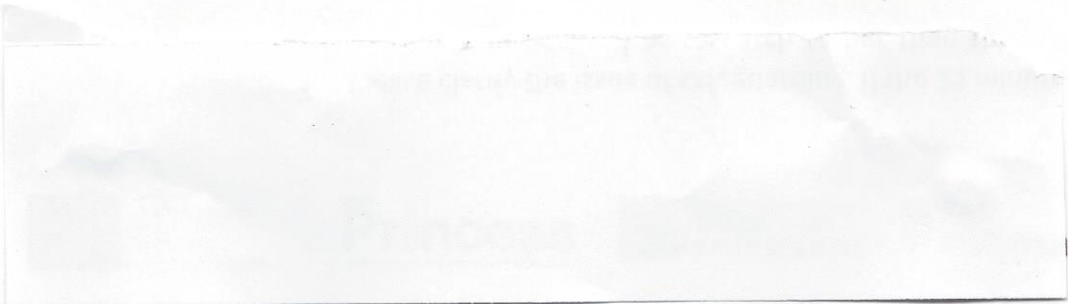
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Name of witness (if appropriate)




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Date

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Signature



Participant Pictorial Information Booklet




What is the study about?

	1.	This study aims to find out if taking daily probiotics prevents infections in care home residents.
	2.	A probiotic is a product containing live bacteria. These are sometimes called 'good bacteria' which may improve health.
	3.	It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part.

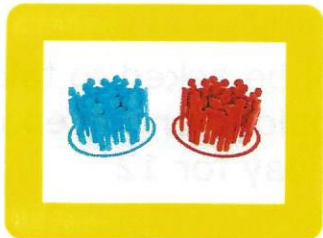
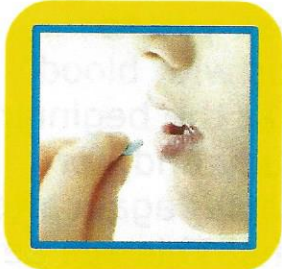

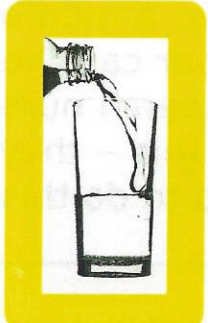


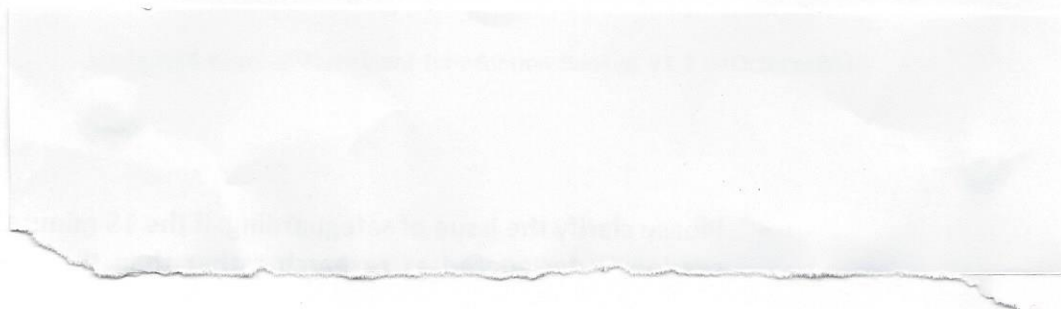


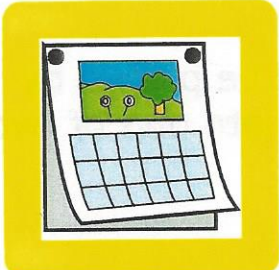
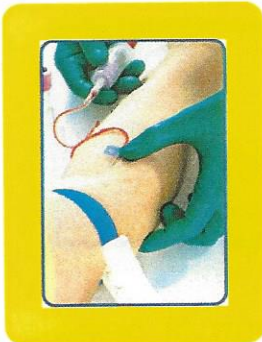

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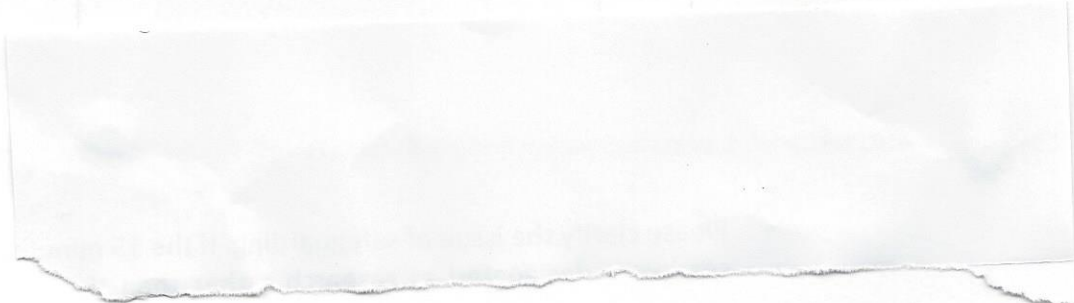
	4.	If you decide to take part, the research nurse will consider all of your clinical and medical history to check your suitability.
	5.	If you are not suitable for the study, nothing will change and your care will not be affected.
	6.	If you are suitable to take part in the study, you will be given an information sheet to keep, and be asked to sign a consent form.






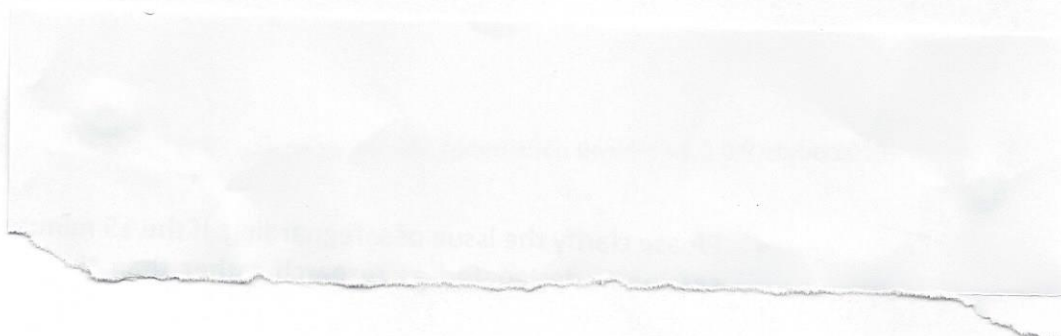
	<p>7.</p>	<p>You will be placed by chance into one of two groups:</p>
 <p>a. A group of people receiving the probiotic</p>	<p>Or</p>	 <p>b: A group of people receiving the placebo. The placebo is a capsule that looks identical but does not contain any active or live bacteria.</p>
	<p>8.</p>	<p>The care home staff will give you the capsule to take, or sprinkle it on your cool food, or dilute it with small amount of cool liquid.</p>



	9.	You will be asked to take the probiotic or placebo once a day for 12 months.
	10.	We will ask you to provide us with blood samples at the beginning of the study and, for some people, again after 12 months. This will be done by an experienced person.
	11.	We also request a stool and saliva sample from you at the beginning, after three months and 12 months. A member of staff at your care home or the research nurse will help with this – they will be trained to do this.



	12.	Some participants will be asked for another blood sample four weeks after they've had their flu vaccination. This will help us to find out if probiotics have helped them to respond better to flu vaccination.
	13.	You will also be asked to answer some questions about yourself and how you feel.
	14.	Giving samples is completely optional and you can choose not to give these samples but still be part of the study.







## What will happen to the information?



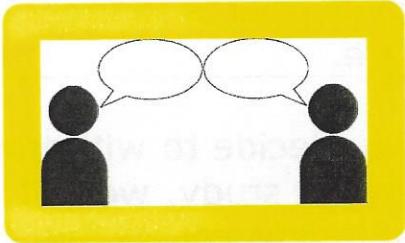
15.

Any information that we collect about you will be kept safe. Your name will not go on any reports, presentations or publications.



**What if I do not want to carry on being part of the study?**

	16.	You can decide to stop taking part at any time during the study, without giving a reason. This will not affect the care you receive now or in the future.
	17.	If you decide to withdraw from the study, we will continue to collect the study information about you, unless you tell us not to.

## Will anyone else know I am doing this study?

	18.	<p>We will tell your GP that you are taking part in this study. If you want us to, we will also tell your next of kin / close relative or your legal guardian.</p> <p>We will collect information about your medicines and illnesses from your care home, GP and hospital records.</p>
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## What if there is a problem?

	19.	If you have a concern about any aspect of this study at any time, you can speak to the Study nurses/researchers who will do their best to answer your questions.
	20.	Thank you for taking the time to think about taking part in this study.