



Information Sheet

“Sticks and stones will break my bones and words will always hurt me”;

An interpretative phenomenological analysis of male victims’/survivors’ experiences of domestic violence

I am a Masters student at Middlesex University and writing a dissertation on the topic of domestic violence against male victims/survivors.

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

The purpose of the research is to gain an in-depth understanding of male victims’/survivors’ experiences of domestic violence, as this is an important issue where there is relatively little academic research.

If you agree to take part in the study, you will be interviewed either online over a Skype call, or in a confidential pre-booked private room in the Hatchcroft building at Middlesex University (your preference). Prior to the interview you will be asked to complete a consent form so you confirm that you understand the details of the research and have consented to taking part. The interviews will be one-to-one and should take around 30 – 45 minutes. The interview will be voice recorded so that it can be transcribed at a later date for subsequent analysis. Immediately after the interview I will provide you with a debriefing sheet, which will explain more about the study, and provide details of a variety of relevant support services.

I understand this is an extremely sensitive topic, therefore everything that you say will remain confidential and anonymous. The findings of this study will be written up in my dissertation, and may subsequently be published in academic journals or conferences. Any quotes used in the reporting of this research will be anonymised through the use of a pseudonym that I will ask you to choose, and no details that could give away your, or anyone else’s identity will be included. The recording and transcript of your interview will be stored securely on computers at Middlesex University and only I and my supervisor will have access to it. Once your interview has been transcribed, the voice recording will be destroyed.

You may experience some emotional distress as a result of mentally reliving traumatic experiences, however previous research into the experience of participating in research around potentially traumatic topics suggests that this is likely to be short term. If, at any point within the research, you wish to take a break or to stop the interview entirely you are free to do so, without giving any reason. You are free to withdraw from this study at any point up until the data analysis begins in

early June 2016. Should you wish to withdraw your data after the interview is finished, please contact me using the details below, giving the pseudonym that you create at the start of the interview.

All proposals for research using human participants are reviewed by an Ethics Committee before they can proceed. The Middlesex Psychology Department's Ethics Committee have reviewed this proposal.

Thank you for reading this information sheet.

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