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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

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Dear...

You **are invited to participate** in a research study titled: Life story of a child sexual offender

The following written information is given to assist you to make a decision whether to participate or not. Please feel free to ask the researchers to clarify anything in this letter that is not clear to you.

The **goal of this** research is to explore your life story and we hope that the findings of this study will contribute to intervention strategies to stop child sexual abuse.

If you agree to participate you will be **required** to make yourself available for a one-to-one interview which will take about two hours of your time. This will be done at a venue that is convenient to you. These interviews will need to be tape-recorded and a supervisor will have access to the transcripts. Your details will be anonymous.

The **potential risk(s)** for participating are that you may find some of the questions are of a very personal nature. You are encouraged to discuss with the researcher or supervisor any feelings of discomfort that you may experience during or after the interview. We will also make available an independent consultant for this purpose should this be your choice.

Please note that should it become clear that from the story telling you are still involved with or plan to be involved with child sexual abuse in any way, the researcher would have to report this activity, to the manager and / or the authority who send you to the program. Participation in this research is **voluntary**. You are also free to excuse yourself from the research should you at any time feel uncomfortable to continue.

There are no financial **costs or direct benefits** for you for by participating in the project. However your participating is highly valued for the potential of conducting research into this area of concern and in developing intervention strategies for ongoing treatment.

Every attempt will be made to keep information **confidential/anonymous** in the sense that you will not be named in the writing up of the research. The findings of the research will be reported and may be published but no participant's **identity** will be revealed.



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If you agree to participate, kindly complete the following and sign.

CONSENT FORM.

Title of research: Life story of a child sex offender

I have read the information about this research / it has been read to me. I had the opportunity to ask question and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

I..... confirm that I understand the goal, and risks/benefits of participating in this research project.

I was informed that the findings will be reported **anonymously** and that the researcher will at all times adhere to professional ethical behaviour in this project.

I am participating voluntarily and am aware that I can withdraw at any time should I wish to do so.

Signed (participant) name and signature.....
signature

Date:.....

Researcher..name and

Date.



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Appendix 3

Questions for the Individual Interviews

1. Tell me your life story in relation to your experience of becoming a child molester.
2. Describe your relationship with your family of origin.
3. Describe your school experiences both junior and high school in relation to your behavior including relationships with peers.
4. Talk about how you engaged the first time in sexually molesting the victim.
5. How many victims did you molest and what do you understand by the term "grooming?"
6. What meaning did this behaviour give you?
7. Describe your vocational choice and adult relationships in relation to your sexual attraction towards children.
8. How were you confronted about the behaviour and how did you come to the programme?
9. Do you believe treatment has altered your beliefs, values and attitudes about sexual abuse and if so in what way do you think this has been altered?

Questions for the Focus Group interviews

1. Do you think that childhood experiences can lead to sexual attraction towards children?
2. After the first sexual incident you had with the victim how did you feel?
3. What was the feeling while you were busy with the behaviour?
4. What do you understand by the term grooming?
5. Do you think all pedophiles groom?
6. How did the second occurrence take place or how did it gain momentum?
7. What does your behaviour, sexual attraction for children say about you?
8. How did your partner or wife find out about this behaviour?

