Sex Workers Evaluate Reporting Violence

SWERV

Focus group

Informed Consent Form

Written consent

Please read each statement and tick if you agree:	
I have read the information sheet that explains the purpose of the study, what it involves, and why you would like to talk to me.	
I have had the opportunity to ask any questions that I need to and am happy with the answers I have received.	
I agree to participate in a focus group discussion lasting up to 90 minutes.	
I understand that I do not have to talk about anything that I do not want to talk about, and that I can leave the discussion at any time without giving a reason.	
I understand that the focus group will be audio-recorded and that the recording and notes will be stored securely.	
I understand that everything I say is confidential and that whenever the researchers write about anything I have told them, or use a direct quote from the focus group using my words, they will not use my name (or any name I have decided to give them).	
I understand that the researchers will ask everyone taking part in the focus group not to tell anyone what others have said during the discussion, but I am aware that they cannot guarantee this.	
I agree for things that I have said during the focus group (including direct quotes using my words) to be used in reports, papers and publications resulting from this study. I understand that all information used will remain anonymous.	
I understand that if I tell you something that makes you think I or another adult are in immediate danger or that a child is being harmed, you may have to tell someone what I have said.	
I understand that my participation in this focus group is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw from the study at any time, without giving a reason.	
I agree to take part in this focus group.	

Participant's Name _____ Date: ____/____/___

Participant's Signature _____

Third-party Witness/Interpreter Name (if applicable) _____ Date: ____/____/___

Third-party Witness/Interpreter Signature (if applicable)_____

Researcher's Name _____ Date: ____/____/___

Researcher's Signature _____

Verbal consent – alternative option

If you prefer not to complete this form or you do not want to provide a name to the research team, you can give verbal consent instead.

If you choose this option, the interviewer will read each statement out and ask you if you agree with each one. They will audio-record this conversation before the focus group starts, so that we have a record of your consent. You do not need to say your real name or any other name on the recording.