**Participant Information Sheet**

**Study Title**: How do parents/carers and their children experience Drag Queen Story Hour Events?

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**ERGO number: 72004**

*You are being invited to take part in the above research study. To help you decide whether you would like to take part or not, it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please read the information below carefully and ask questions if anything is not clear or you would like more information before you decide to take part in this research. You may like to discuss it with others, but it is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.*

**What is the research about?**

This research project will aim to explore the experience of parents/carers and their children after attending a Drag Queen Story Hour event. If you choose to participate, in the weeks following the event you will be invited to engage in a 1:1 interview with the researcher. In this interview we will discuss how you and your child felt before, during, and after the event. The study has been approved by the University of Southampton Ethics Committee.

**Why have I been asked to participate?**

You have been asked to participate as you have recently attended a Drag Queen Story Hour UK event with your child. We are aiming to recruit between 12 and 15 parents for this research.

**What will happen to me if I take part?**

Any parents who decide to participate will take part in a 1:1 interview with the researcher. Your child will not need to attend this interview. The interviews will be conducted either using Microsoft Teams, in person or over the phone and will be audio recorded and transcribed. This is so that I have an accurate record of what you say and will be used for the research described above.

**Are there any benefits in my taking part?**

Parents/carers who decide to participate in the research will be given a £20 Amazon voucher for their time.

**Are there any risks involved?**

We do not anticipate any major risks arising from the study, but there may be the potential for discomfort if sharing or hearing negative experiences that have occurred during or after the event. If you feel that you have been affected by any of the issues raised or topics discussed throughout this research, you can contact your GP or the Samaritans helpline on 116 123 for support. Details of Mermaids UK, a charity that may be able to provide specific support relevant to the theme of gender diversity can be found below:

**Mermaids UK**

[**info@mermaidsuk.org.uk**](mailto:+info@mermaidsuk.org.uk)**.**

<https://mermaidsuk.org.uk/contact-us/> (follow this link for web chat support)

Helpline: 0808 801 0400

Or text MERMAIDS to 85258 for free 24/7 crisis support

**What data will be collected?**

No personal data will be collected as part of this study. We will collect a recording of the interview, however if any identifiable data is discussed, this will be anonymised when it is typed up and the recording will be deleted.

**Will my participation be confidential?**

Your participation and the information we collect about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential.

The recording of your interview will be uploaded automatically to the University of Southampton’s account on Microsoft stream and nobody else will be able to see this recording. When it is transcribed your name and any identifiable data will be removed or changed. Once the transcription is complete, the recording will be deleted.

Only members of the research team and responsible members of the University of Southampton may be given access to data about you for monitoring purposes and/or to carry out an audit of the study to ensure that the research is complying with applicable regulations. Individuals from regulatory authorities (people who check that we are carrying out the study correctly) may require access to your data. All of these people have a duty to keep your information, as a research participant, strictly confidential.

**Do I have to take part?**

No, it is entirely up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you decide you want to take part, you will need to complete an online consent form to show you have agreed to take part.

**What happens if I change my mind?**

You have the right to change your mind and withdraw at any time without giving a reason and without your participant rights being affected.

**What will happen to the results of the research?**

* Your personal details will remain strictly confidential. Research findings made available in any reports or publications will not include information that can directly identify you without your specific consent.
* Results of this study will be written up as part of a doctoral thesis with the potential of being published.
* The transcript of the interview you take part in will be analysed and written up as part of the doctoral thesis and will be seen by the research team.

**Where can I get more information?**

If you would like further information, you can contact the researcher at [ejh2n20@soton.ac.uk](mailto:ejh2n20@soton.ac.uk)

**What happens if there is a problem?**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, you can contact research supervisors, Sarah Wright [s.f.wright@soton.ac.uk](mailto:s.f.wright@soton.ac.uk) and Cora Sargeant [c.c.sargeant@soton.ac.uk](mailto:c.c.sargeant@soton.ac.uk), who will do their best to answer your questions.

If you remain unhappy or have a complaint about any aspect of this study, please contact the University of Southampton Research Integrity and Governance Manager (023 8059 5058, [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk)).

**Data Protection Privacy Notice**

The University of Southampton conducts research to the highest standards of research integrity. As a publicly- funded organisation, the University has to ensure that it is in the public interest when we use personally identifiable information about people who have agreed to take part in research. This means that when you agree to take part in a research study, we will use information about you in the ways needed, and for the purposes specified, to conduct and complete the research project. Under data protection law, ‘Personal data’ means any information that relates to and is capable of identifying a living individual. The University’s data protection policy governing the use of personal data by the University can be found on its website (<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/legalservices/what-we-do/data-protection-and-foi.page>).

This Participant Information Sheet tells you what data will be collected for this project and whether this includes any personal data. Please ask the research team if you have any questions or are unclear what data is being collected about you.

Our privacy notice for research participants provides more information on how the University of Southampton collects and uses your personal data when you take part in one of our research projects and can be found at <http://www.southampton.ac.uk/assets/sharepoint/intranet/ls/Public/Research%20and%20Integrity%20Privacy%20Notice/Privacy%20Notice%20for%20Research%20Participants.pdf>

Any personal data we collect in this study will be used only for the purposes of carrying out our research and will be handled according to the University’s policies in line with data protection law. The anonymised data may also be uploaded to the university repository to make data available for future projects. If any personal data is used from which you can be identified directly, it will not be disclosed to anyone else without your consent unless the University of Southampton is required by law to disclose it.

Data protection law requires us to have a valid legal reason (‘lawful basis’) to process and use your Personal data. The lawful basis for processing personal information in this research study is for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest. Personal data collected for research will not be used for any other purpose.

For the purposes of data protection law, the University of Southampton is the ‘Data Controller’ for this study, which means that we are responsible for looking after your information and using it properly. The University of Southampton will keep identifiable information about you for 10 years after the study has finished after which time any link between you and your information will be removed.

If you have any questions about how your personal data is used, or wish to exercise any of your rights, please consult the University’s data protection webpage (https://www.southampton.ac.uk/legalservices/what-we-do/data-protection-and-foi.page) where you can make a request using our online form. If you need further assistance, please contact the University’s Data Protection Officer ([data.protection@soton.ac.uk](mailto:data.protection@soton.ac.uk)).

**Thank you.**

Thank you for taking the time to read the information sheet and considering taking part in the research.